

2011 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3021

# 2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee  
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HCR 3021  
February 17, 2011  
14696

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

*Carmen Hart*

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Urging the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Com of the US Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring coal miners and their contributions to our nation

## Minutes:

**Chairman Bette Grande** opened the hearing on HCR 3021.

**Rep. Brenda Heller, District 33**, appeared. She read the short resolution. North Dakota maintains a strong lignite industry, one that currently employs more than 27,000 direct and indirect jobs. The industry has an annual economic impact of \$3 billion and generates more than \$90 million in state taxes each year. We are very proud of our coal industry in the state of North Dakota, one that is run by hard working people, and because of our huge coal reserves, North Dakota has the only gasification process in the United States and second in the world. Our reclamation process that our coal mining industry has in place is second to none. To honor our coal miners I encourage you to move this resolution forward with a do pass.

**Rep. Lisa Meier:** Are you aware if any other commemorative stamps have been issued to honor coal miners in the past?

**Rep. Brenda Heller:** Actually there is a coalition of coal mining states right now that are passing this same resolution forward. They were trying to collect all the states that have an industry of coal mining to move this forward at the same time.

**Rep. Lonny Winrich:** I want to thank you for bringing this in. It has been my practice for some time when I need to go to the post office and buy stamps to look at what commemorative stamps are available and try to pick what I think are the most interesting ones. One of my all time favorites was the Caesar Chavez stamp honoring migrant farm workers and I will eagerly look forward to the coal stamp.

No one was neutral or in opposition to this resolution.

The hearing was closed.

**Rep. Vicky Steiner** moved a **Do Pass**.

**Rep. Karen Rohr** seconded the motion.

**DO PASS, 13 YEAS, 0 NAYS. Rep. Karen Rohr is the carrier of this resolution. It will go on the consent calendar unless otherwise noted.**

Date: 2-17-11  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3021

House GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN AFFAIRS Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment

Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Steiner Seconded By Rohr

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Bette Grande	✓		Bill Amerman	✓	
Vice Chairman Randy Boehning	✓		Ron Guggisberg	✓	
Glen Froseth	✓		Lonny Winrich	✓	
Karen Karls	✓				
Lisa Meier	✓				
Gary Paur	✓				
Karen Rohr	✓				
Mark Sanford	✓				
Vicky Steiner	✓				
Roscoe Streyle	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rohr

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

*Does  
or  
Consent  
Calendar*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3021: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Grande, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR**  
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3021 was placed on the  
Tenth order on the calendar.

2011 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

HCR 3021

# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Natural Resources Committee  
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HCR 3021  
March 18, 2011  
Job #15685

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

*Veronica Spaulding*

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A concurrent resolution urging the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring coal miners and their contributions to our nation.

Minutes:

No Attachments

**Chairman Lyson** opened the hearing on HCR 3021.

**Representative Brenda Heller**, District 33, introduced HCR 3021. North Dakota is joining a number of other states who are putting this forward.

**Senator Schneider**: Do they make any distinction between coal miners who work with lignite coal and other kinds of coal?

**Representative Brenda Heller**: No

**Senator Uglen**: Do you know how many coal miners we have in the state?

**Representative Brenda Heller**: 27,000 people are employed related to the coal mining industry in the state.

**Senator Freborg**: Do you know what economic impact coal has in North Dakota?

**Representative Brenda Heller**: The coal industry generates more than 90 million dollars in state taxes every year and it has an annual impact of 3 billion dollars.

**Chairman Lyson** closed the hearing on HCR 3021.

**Senator Freborg** made a Do Pass motion.

**Senator Burckhard**: Second

**Roll Call Vote**: 5-0-2

**Carrier**: Senator Freborg

Date: 3-18-11  
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3021

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Freborg Seconded By Burckhard

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Lyson	✓		Senator Schneider	✓	
Vice-Chair Hogue			Senator Triplett		
Senator Burckhard	✓				
Senator Freborg	✓				
Senator Uglem	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Freborg

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3021: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Lyson, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3021 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.**