

**2013 SENATE EDUCATION**

**SCR 4003**

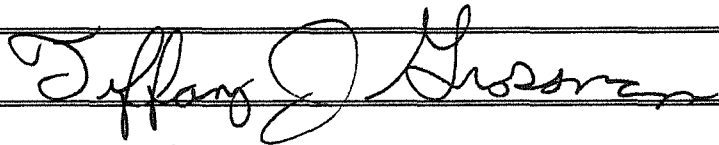
# 2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Education Committee  
Missouri River Room, State Capitol

SCR 4003  
1-14-13  
17124

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



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

A concurrent resolution recognizing School Choice Week.

## Minutes:

Written Testimony Attached

**Chairman Flakoll** opened the hearing on SCR 4003.

**Senator Margaret Sitte:** I am offering this resolution on behalf of the public schools, private schools, and home schools. I have an amendment to offer. The whole point of this resolution is to acknowledge the work that teachers and parents are doing by providing a solid education for their children in any number of settings. My understanding is there will be a rally at the capital this week. They want this passed as soon as possible.

**Chairman Flakoll:** Is there anyone else who wishes to testify in support of SCR 4003.

**Morgan Foreness, Superintendent at Shiloh Christian School:** I wish to testify in support of SCR 4003. (See attachment #1 for written testimony)

**Chairman Flakoll:** Are there any questions? If this resolution would pass, what benefit would it have?

**Morgan Foreness, Superintendent at Shiloh Christian School:** Legitimizing that we are a partner and have an important role in educating the numerous students within the state and obviously there are times when support from the legislature for private schools is important. We would seek that recognition.

**Chairman Flakoll:** Are you supportive of the Sitte amendments?

**Morgan Foreness, Superintendent at Shiloh Christian School:** We are supportive. We consider homeschool as a viable education opportunity. I was interested to see the data in Burleigh County. One out of 10 students are in private schools.

**Chairman Flakoll:** Anyone else wish to testify in support of SCR 4003?

**Christopher T. Dodson, Executive Director and General Council of North Dakota Catholic Conference:** I wish to testify in support of SCR 4003. (See attachment #2 for written testimony)

**Chairman Flakoll:** What is your position on the Senator Sitte amendments?

**Christopher T. Dodson, Executive Director and General Council of North Dakota Catholic Conference:** I haven't reviewed them line by line but we support home education in there.

**Chairman Flakoll:** Does anyone else wish to testify in support of SCR 4003?

**Chairman Flakoll:** Seeing no opposition we will close the hearing on SB 2096.  
Committee

**Senator Luick:** I move a do pass on the amendments proposed and to adopt the title SB 39.0201 to SCR 4003

**Seconded By Senator Poolman**

**A Roll Call Vote was taken: 6 yeas 0 nays, 0 absent.**

**Senator Luick:** I move a Do pass on SCR 4003 as amended.

**Seconded By Senator Poolman**

**A Roll Call Vote was taken: 6 yeas 0 nays, 0 absent.**

**Senator Luick will carry the bill.**

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for  
Senator Sitte

January 11, 2013

*JS*  
1-14-13

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4003

Page 1, line 9, replace the first "and" with "schools,"

Page 1, line 9, after "schools" insert ", and home schools"

Page 1, line 12, replace the first "and" with "schools,"

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 7-14-13  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate Education Committee

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

Action Taken Adopt amendment

Motion Made By Luick Seconded By Poolman

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
Chairman Tim Flakoll	✓		Senator Joan Heckaman	✓	
Vice Chairman Donald Schaible	✓		Senator Richard Marcellais	✓	
Senator Larry Luick	✓				
Senator Nicole Poolman	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: 1-14-13  
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate Education Committee

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

Action Taken Do pass as amended

Motion Made By Luick Seconded By Poolman

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
Chairman Tim Flakoll	✓		Senator Joan Heckaman	✓	
Vice Chairman Donald Schaible	✓		Senator Richard Marcellais	✓	
Senator Larry Luick	✓				
Senator Nicole Poolman	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Luick

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4003: Education Committee (Sen. Flakoll, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4003 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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**2013 HOUSE EDUCATION**

**SCR 4003**



# 2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**House Education Committee**  
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SCR 4003  
January 21, 2013  
17423

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



## Minutes:

**Sen. Margaret Sitte:** Sponsor, explained the bill.

**Rep. Nathe:** Thank you. Testimony in support.

**Morgan Forness, Superintendent at Shiloh Christian School in Bismarck, ND:** Support (see attached testimony).

**Rep. Nathe:** Thank you. Further testimony in support. Testimony in opposition. We will close the hearing. What are the committee's wishes in regard to SCR 4003.

**Rep. Rohr:** I move a Do Pass.

**Rep. Heilman:** Second the motion.

11 YES 0 ABSENT 2 NO

DO PASS

CARRIER: Rep. Schatz

Date: 1/21/13  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4003

House Education Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

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

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

Motion Made By Rep. Rohr Seconded By Rep. Heilman

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Mike Nathe	✓		Rep. Bob Hunskor	✓	
Rep. Mike Schatz	✓		Rep. Jerry Kelsh	✓	
Rep. John Wall			Rep. Corey Mock	✓	
Rep. Brenda Heller	✓				
Rep. David Rust	✓				
Rep. Lisa Meier	✓				
Rep. Karen Rohr	✓				
Rep. Dennis Johnson					
Rep. Joe Heilman	✓				
Rep. Ben Koppelman	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Schatz

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4003, as engrossed: Education Committee (Rep. Nathe, Chairman)** recommends  
**DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
Engrossed SCR 4003 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2013 TESTIMONY**

**SCR 4003**

#1

Monday, January 14, 2013

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN SENATOR FLAKOLL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

My name is Morgan Forness. I currently serve as the Superintendent at Shiloh Christian School in Bismarck and previously spent 20 years at Oak Grove Lutheran School in Fargo. I am appearing here today on behalf of the State Association of Non-Public Schools (SANS) in reference to Senate Resolution 4003.

SANS membership represents over 45 private schools in North Dakota made up of over 7,000 students. These students come from families that pay both state taxes to support public education while at the same time, pay tuition for private school education as well

North Dakotans can be proud of its educational system. Both public and private schools have an important role in educating students for success in the ever changing world of work. We consider it a privilege to work in collaboration with our public school counter-parts to meet the needs of North Dakota. The economy is booming and communities are being stretched to meet the infrastructure, housing business and educational demands of its communities.

SANS is proud of the students that we produce, with its high state and ACT Test scores, high graduation rates, and large percentage of students who move on to higher ed. We have excellent teachers who often work for far less salary than their public counterparts, yet are dedicated to educating the "whole child" with both "academic excellence" as well as a instilling a "value system" for a life of service and community involvement.

Resolution 4003 recognizes a desire for the state to commit to providing high-quality schools. Private education is a viable mean and option, to that help meet that end goal. SANS would appreciate your willingness to recognize our role as important to the state of North Dakota and encourage you to support and be committed to our institutions as we partner together in meeting the educational needs of the state.

In closing I ask that you support Resolution 4003 by recognizing and celebrating January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 through February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 as School Choice Week in North Dakota.

We are all in the business of educating top quality students, and by working together we are all better. Again, SANS is supportive of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4003 as written. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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*Representing the Diocese of Fargo and the Diocese of Bismarck*

Christopher T. Dodson  
Executive Director and  
General Counsel

**To:** Senate Education Committee  
**From:** Christopher T. Dodson, Executive Director  
**Subject:** SCR 4003 - Recognizing School Choice Week  
**Date:** January 14, 2013

The North Dakota Catholic Conference supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 4003 to recognize School Choice Week.

Our support for school choice stems not from an effort to boost Catholic schools, even if we are tremendously proud of the work they do. We would support school choice even if no Catholic school existed.

Our support for school choice finds its foundation is something more fundamental - the dignity of every human child and the essentiality of family and community. Every human person has something in common - they have a right to achieve their full potential as God intended. At the same time, every human person is unique. Therefore, every child has a right to a basic education in a setting that best meets their individual needs.

Children do not live or learn, however, in isolation. We are social creatures and the parents are the primary educators of their children. School choice empowers parents to exercise their obligations as primary educators by giving them opportunities to find the best educational settings for their children. Forced uniformity diminishes parental involvement. Choice and diversity enhance it.

For these reasons it is right to celebrate School Choice Week. It is not about nonpublic schools, public schools, or any schools at all. It is an opportunity to recognize what is good for children and families.

We urge a **Do Pass** recommendation on SCR 4003.

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