2015 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HCR 3023

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee

Prairie Room, State Capitol

HCR 3023 2/5/2015 23295

□ Subcommittee □ Conference Committee

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Declaring March 5th, 2015 as "Canada Day in North Dakota"

Minutes:

Testimony 1 and 2

Chairman Klemin:

Representative Monson: This comes up every two years. They are our number one buddies and I promote this. Testimony 1

Rep Kelsh: What percentage of sales tax do you pay when you go up there to buy used parts?

Representative Monson: Depending who you deal with. Some write export on it and there is no tax.

Rod Backman: Testimony 2

Representative Koppelman: moved a do pass

Representative Hatlestad: Seconded

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1 (Toman)

The motion passes

Representative Koppelman will carry the resolution

Date: 2 |5/20/5 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3023

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3023: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3023 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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Red River Room, State Capitol

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Written testimony #1 Rod Backman (Handouts included)

Chairman Burckhard opened the committee for a hearing on HCR 3023. All senators are present.

Rod Backman (:52-2:48) I serve as Honorary Counsel for Canada in North Dakota. Written testimony **#** 1. I will leave some brochures for the committee on the relationship between Canada and North Dakota.

I wanted to share one other thing. What I find is that Americans are very surprised by the amount of oil that we get from Canada. It is probably not as much now with the Keystone controversy and all that. But, most people had the perception that we get a lot or our imported oil from the Middle East. This chart which is as of January 14, shows that 37% of our oil imports come from Canada. Number 2 is Saudi Arabia, 3 is Mexico, and 4 is Venezuela. Of those next three Canada imports more oil to North Dakota than number 2,3,4 combined. I went on the U.S. Energy Information website and this was of January 14, as of January 15; the Canadian imports of oil to the United State were more than 50% of the U.S. imports. It means that now we've reached the point that we get more oil from Canada than we do all the rest of the world combined.

Chairman Burckhard So, do you see sooner that we'll be energy independent as a result of our relationship with Canada?

Rod Backman I don't know how long or how far away that would be. It is certainly possible. But, I suspect one of the reasons its jumped to 50% is two-fold. We have more oil coming in from Canada and we have less total oil being imported as a result of the Baaken and the shell formation. So I suspect that will continue in that direction, but how long it would take to be totally energy independent I couldn't answer.

Chairman Burckhard So is there oil production slowed down a little bit as well because of the oil price?

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Rod Backman I don't believe at this point I expect that it will, but I don't think they've seen much decrease yet in production.

Chairman Burckhard asked the committee for their recommendation.

Senator Grabinger moved a do pass on HCR 3023 Senator Bekkedahl 2nd

Roll call vote: 6 Yea, 0 No, 0 Absent

Carrier: Senator Grabinger

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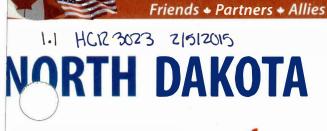
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2015 TESTIMONY

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CANADA-UNITED STATES

Canada is North Dakota's
#1 customer



28,500 jobs in North Dakota depend on trade & investment with Canada



United Pulse Trading's Williston, ND processing plant

Shared agriculture interests

With sales of more than \$760 million, **Alliance Grain Traders** is a global leader in the processing, trade, and export of pulses and staple foods. Based in Regina, Saskatchewan, the company is the largest lentil and pea splitting company in the world.

Its U.S. affiliate, **United Pulse Trading**, operates a processing plant in Williston as well as an office in Bismarck. The Williston plant purchases and processes

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more than \$20 million worth of peas, lentils, and chickpeas from area producers.

Alliance has invested more than \$10 million in the Williston plant expanding its processing capacity from an initial 30,000 metric tons (mt) to a projected 000 mt.

Strong Canada–U.S. energy partnership

A vital part of the Canada–U.S. relationship is the large, sophisticated energy connection that powers an increasingly integrated North American economy. Dakota Gasification Company, a leader in carbon dioxide capture, has developed energy solutions to reduce greenhouse gases and combat climate change while enhancing oil recovery in the Bakken field. Since 2000, their Great Plains Synfuel Plant near Beulah, ND has been capturing, compressing, and sending CO₂ via a 205-mile pipeline to Weyburn, Saskatchewan where it is used for enhanced oil recovery in the Weyburn and Midale oil fields. Dakota Gas has delivered millions of tons of gas to its Canadian customers for more than 10 years, making it one of the most successful, longest running carbon capture and storage projects in the world.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative, parent company of Dakota Gas, is also developing carbon capture and storage technologies. A demonstration project coal-fired Antelope Valley facility is the first larger project of its kind in the United States, and is evaluating Canadian technology developed by the University of Regina and applied by HTC Purenergy, a Saskatchewan-based energy company.

The innovative, pioneering work of Dakota Gas and Basin Electric in carbon capture and sequestration contribute to advancements in energy production and greenhouse gas reduction in North America, benefitting both countries. North Dakota contributes to the **World's largest trading relationship**

Trade Canada & the U.S. trade \$734 billion in goods & services

That's an average of \$1.4 million in goods & services crossing the border every minute of every day

Manufacturing

On average, nadian goods sold to the U.S. contain

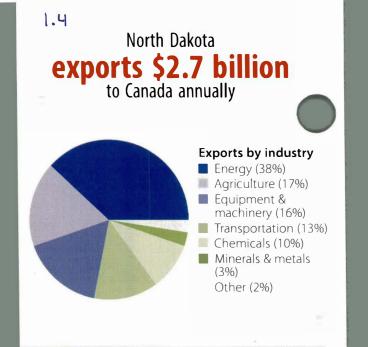


25% American content



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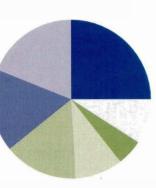


Canada & North Dakota: **\$5.2 billion** in annual bilateral trade

North Dakota imports \$2.5 billion from Canada annually

mports by industry

Agriculture (25%) Equipment & machinery (19%) Chemicals (17%) Energy (15%) Minerals & metals (10%) Transportation (5%) Other (9%)



OUR NUMBERS

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North Dakota's foreign export markets

| North Dakota sells more goods to Canada than to all other countries combined | |
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| Largest export marketCa | anada |
| % foreign-bound goods sold to Canada | 72% |

North Dakota–Canada trade in goods

| North Dakota exports to Canada | \$2.7 billion |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| North Dakota imports from Canada | \$2.5 billion |
| Bilateral trade | \$5.2 billion |

North Dakota jobs

28,500 North Dakota jobs depend on trade and investment with Canada

North Dakota–Canada tourism

| The U.S. welcomes more tourists from Canada |
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| than from any other country |
| North Dakota visits by Canadians1,023,100 |
| North Dakota vacation spending by Canadians\$279 million |

North Dakota's leading exports to Canada

| Crude petroleum | \$721 million |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Tractors | \$239 million |
| Fuel oil | \$200 million |
| Agricultural machinery | \$169 million |
| ages & alcohol | \$105 million |
| al or vegetable fats, oils & waxes | \$92 million |
| Natural gas & other gases | \$88 million |
| Cereals | \$77 million |
| Animal feed & food industry residues | \$72 million |
| Organic chemicals | \$69 million |

North Dakota's leading imports from Canada

| Oil seeds | \$405 million |
|--|---------------|
| Inorganic chemicals | \$196 million |
| Fertilizers | \$174 million |
| Fuel oil | \$170 million |
| Crude petroleum | \$136 million |
| Agricultural machinery | \$135 million |
| Cereals | \$127 million |
| Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets | \$122 million |
| Motor vehicle parts | \$73 million |
| Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products | \$49 million |

Canada is the #1 customer for 35 states



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Unless otherwise mentioned, all trade figures are based on 2013 data in U.S. dollars. Job numbers are from a study commissioned by the Government of Canada (11/2014 release). U.S. Census Bureau: trade, Canada's export ranking (2/2014 release). U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis: goods and services trade (3/2014 release). Services trade data not available at a sub-national level Statistics Canada 2012 tourism, based on combined same-day and overnight travel (5/2013 release, USS100–CS0.9996). Figures may not add up due to rounding. Produced by the Embassy of Canada in Washington, DC.

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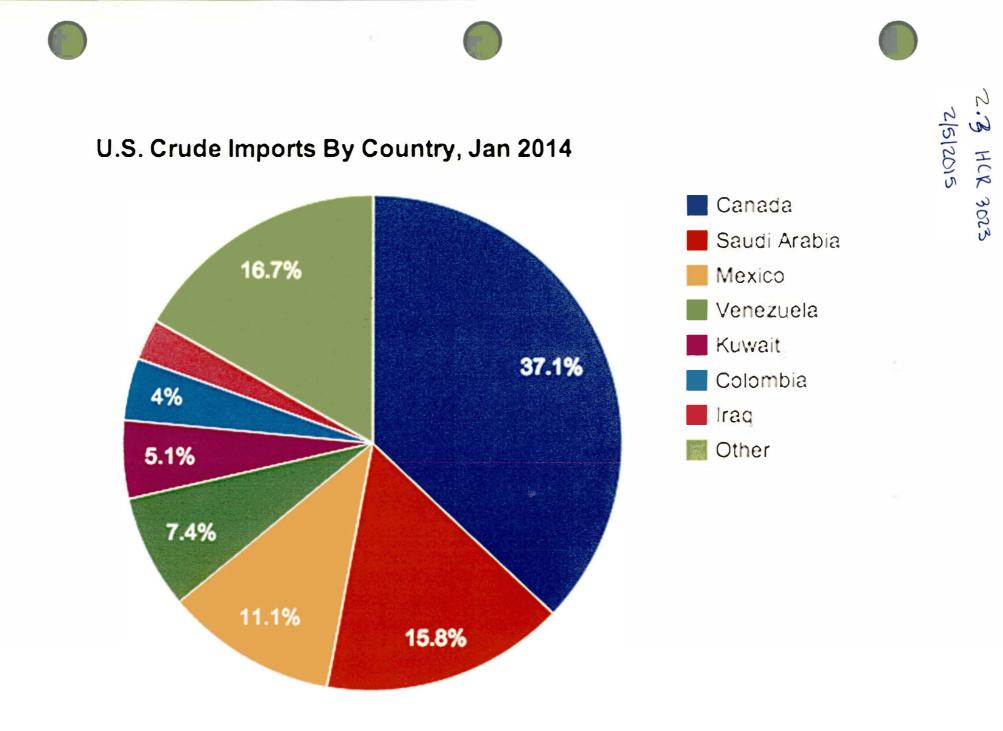
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Canada





JOIN THE CONVERSATION

#CanadaInND #AgPartners #WeMakeThingsTogether #WhatAConsulateDoes

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2011 2.9

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Canada and the state, and highlights jobs, the economy and energy. A similar event takes place in 2015.

2012

U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the Grand Forks Sector are invited north of the border when the Red River Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET) opens a joint facility in Altona, Manitoba. IBETs are comprised

of Canadian and American law enforcement agencies and work together to share information and intelligence in



order to keep our shared border secure.

2013

Popular Canadian coffee and doughnut chain Tim Horton's opens its first North Dakota store in Grand Forks. The following year, the chain announces it will



open 15 more locations in the Fargo and Minot areas

2013

The University of North Dakota hosts a symposium entitled "Science, People and Sustainability in the Canadian Arctic" celebrating Arctic explorer and UND alumnus Vilhjalmur Stefansson and the 100th anniversary of



the Canadian Arctic Expedition. Speakers draw on Stefansson's work and influences to examine the linkages between North Dakota, Manitoba and the Canadian Arctic.

2014

The Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in Bismarck attracts 530 exhibitors, 150 sponsors, and over 4,000 attendees from 48 states, 6 Canadian provinces, and 8 other nations. The annual conference brings together delegates from all aspects of the oil industry to network and learn more about the Bakken formation, which underlies parts of Montana, North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Montana, North Dakota and Saskatchewan take turns hosting the conference, which garners hundreds of media stories worldwide.

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In addition to North Dakota, the Consulate General of Canada in Minneapolis represents Canada in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Canada enjoys close ties with all five of these Upper Midwest states - in fact, Canada is the largest export customer for all of them. From 2011-2013, annual two-way goods trade between this region and Canada averaged \$36 billion, supporting an average of 376,400 jobs per year. Over the same period, Canadians made almost 7.5 million trips to these states and spent 1.9 billion vacation dollars in the region.





The Consulate General in Minneapolis is part of a network of Canadian offices working to promote trade and investment links, to engage citizens and decisionmakers on many matters of shared interest, and to assist Canadians living and traveling in the United States.

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U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the Grand Forks Sector are invited north of the border when the Red River Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET) opens a joint facility in Altona, Manitoba. IBETs are comprised

of Canadian and American law enforcement agencies and work together to share information and intelligence in order to keep our shared border secure.

2013

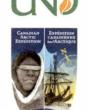
Popular Canadian coffee and doughnut chain Tim Horton's opens its first North Dakota store in Grand Forks. The following year, the chain announces it will

open 15 more locations in the Fargo and Minot areas.



2013

The University of North Dakota hosts a symposium entitled "Science, People Sustainability in and Canadian Arctic' the celebrating Arctic explorer UND alumnus and Vilhialmur Stefansson and the 100th anniversary of



the Canadian Arctic Expedition. Speakers draw on Stefansson's work and influences to examine the linkages between North Dakota. Manitoba and the Canadian Arctic

2014

The Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in Bismarck attracts 530 exhibitors, 150 sponsors, and over 4,000 attendees from 48 states, 6 Canadian provinces, and 8 other nations. The annual conference brings together delegates from all aspects of the oil industry to network and learn more about the Bakken formation, which underlies parts of Montana, North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Montana, North Dakota and Saskatchewan take turns hosting the conference, which garners hundreds of media stories worldwide.

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DID YOU KNOW?

FROM 2011 TO 2013:

- Two-way trade between North Dakota and Canada is over \$5 billion per year.
- An average of 24,000 jobs per year are supported by Canada-North Dakota trade and investment.
- Canadians make a total of 3 million trips to North Dakota, spending \$813 million in tourism dollars and directly benefiting the local economy.

In addition to North Dakota, the Consulate General of Canada in Minneapolis represents Canada in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Canada enjoys close ties with all five of these Upper Midwest states – in fact, Canada is the largest export customer for all of them. From 2011-2013, annual two-way goods trade between this region and Canada averaged \$36 billion, supporting an average of 376,400 jobs per year. Over the same period, Canadians made almost 7.5 million trips to these states and spent 1.9 billion vacation dollars in the region.

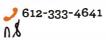


The Consulate General in Minneapolis is part of a network of Canadian offices working to promote trade and investment links, to engage citizens and decisionmakers on many matters of shared interest, and to assist Canadians living and traveling in the United States.

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North Dakota contributes to the world's largest trading relationship



That's an average of **\$1.4 million** in goods & services crossing the border every minute of every day

Manufacturing

On average, Canadian goods sold to the U.S. contain



Jobs Nearly 9 million U.S. jobs depend on trade & investment

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Canada is North Dakota's **#1 customer**



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28,500 jobs in North Dakota depend on trade & investment with Canada



United Pulse Trading's Williston, ND processing plant

Shared agriculture interests

With sales of more than \$760 million, Alliance Grain Traders is a global leader in the processing, trade, and export of pulses and staple foods. Based in Regina, Saskatchewan, the company is the largest lentil and pea splitting company in the world.

Its U.S. affiliate, United Pulse Trading, operates a processing plant in Williston as well as an office in Bismarck. The Williston plant purchases and processes

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more than \$20 million worth of peas, lentils, and chickpeas from area producers.

Alliance has invested more than \$10 million in the Williston plant expanding its processing capacity from an initial 30,000 metric tons (mt) to a projected 100,000 mt 🏓

Strong Canada–U.S. energy partnership

A vital part of the Canada–U.S. relationship is the large. sophisticated energy connection that powers an increasingly integrated North American economy. Dakota Gasification Company, a leader in carbon dioxide capture, has developed energy solutions to reduce greenhouse gases and combat climate change while enhancing oil recovery in the Bakken field. Since 2000, their Great Plains Synfuel Plant near Beulah, ND has been capturing, compressing, and sending CO₂ via a 205-mile pipeline to Weyburn, Saskatchewan where it is used for enhanced oil recovery in the Weyburn and Midale oil fields. Dakota Gas has delivered millions of tons of gas to its Canadian customers for more than 10 years, making it one of the most successful, longest running carbon capture and storage projects in the world.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative, parent company of Dakota Gas, is also developing carbon capture and storage technologies. A demonstration project at their coal-fired Antelope Valley facility is the first large-scale project of its kind in the United States, and is evaluating Canadian technology developed by the University of Regina and applied by HTC Purenergy, a Saskatchewan-based energy company.

The innovative, pioneering work of Dakota Gas and Basin Electric in carbon capture and sequestration contribute to advancements in energy production and greenhouse gas reduction in North America, benefitting both countries. 🏓

OUR NUMBERS

North Dakota's foreign export markets

| North Dakota sells more goods to Canada than to |
|---|
| all other countries combined |
| Largest export marketCanada |
| % foreign-bound goods sold to Canada72% |

North Dakota-Canada trade in goods

| North Dakota exports to Canada | \$2.7 | billion |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|
| North Dakota imports from Canada | \$2.5 | billion |
| Bilateral trade | \$5.2 | billion |

North Dakota jobs

28,500 North Dakota jobs depend on trade and investment with Canada

North Dakota–Canada tourism

The U.S. welcomes more tourists from Canada than from any other country North Dakota visits by Canadians... 1.023.100 North Dakota vacation spending by Canadians..... \$279 million

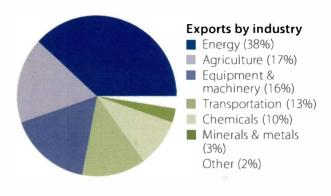
North Dakota's leading exports to Canada

| Crude petroleum | \$721 million |
|--|---------------|
| Tractors | \$239 million |
| Fuel oil | \$200 million |
| Agricultural machinery | \$169 million |
| Beverages & alcohol | \$105 million |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils & waxes | \$92 million |
| Natural gas & other gases | \$88 million |
| Cereals | \$77 million |
| Animal feed & food industry residues | \$72 million |
| Organic chemicals | \$69 million |

North Dakota's leading imports from Canada

| Oil seeds | \$405 million |
|--|---------------|
| Inorganic chemicals | \$196 million |
| Fertilizers | \$174 million |
| Fuel oil | \$170 million |
| Crude petroleum | \$136 million |
| Agricultural machinery | \$135 million |
| Cereals | \$127 million |
| Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets | \$122 million |
| Motor vehicle parts | \$73 million |
| Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products | \$49 million |

North Dakota exports \$2.7 billion to Canada annually

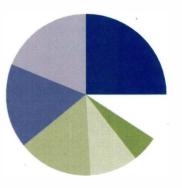


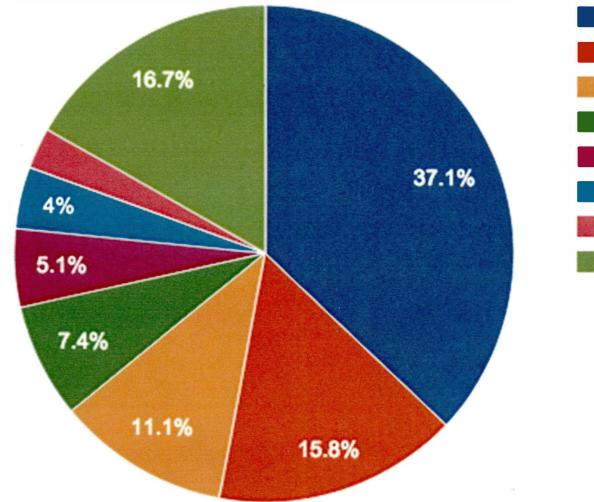
Canada & North Dakota: **\$5.2 billion** in annual bilateral trade

North Dakota imports \$2.5 billion from Canada annually

Imports by industry

- Agriculture (25%) Equipment &
- machinery (19%)
- Chemicals (17%)
- Energy (15%)
- Minerals & metals
- (10%)
- Transportation (5%) Other (9%)





U.S. Crude Imports By Country, Jan 2014



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