

**2019 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**HCR 3032**

# 2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Industry, Business and Labor Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HCR 3032  
2/4/2019  
32052

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Ellen LeTang

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

Resolution urging North Dakota to continue strengthening the sister-state between North Dakota & the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) supporting the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between the United States & Taiwan and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

### Minutes:

Attachment 1

**Vice Chairman Lefor:** Opens the hearing on HCR 3032.

**Chairman Keiser:** Introduces HCR 3032. This resolution encourages ND to continue & strengthen the sister state ties between ND & the people of the Republic of Taiwan. Line 6, is very important, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law & respect for human rights as ND. We visited Taiwan & it was a great trip.

Reads the bill. We have a bilateral agreement with Taiwan which is important with us, especially in agriculture & other products. North Dakota & Taiwan celebrate their 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of sister state relations & we support the meaning relationship.

**4:30**

**Andrew Alexis Varvel~Citizen from District 47:** Attachment 1.

**7:00**

**Rep Schauer:** Do you speak Hokkien & what would it take to promote the study of it?

**Andrew Varvel:** I don't speak it. It's a matter to make common ground.

**Rep Schauer:** How would it look to promote the study?

**Andrew Varvel:** I'm floating the idea. It would be in the high education.

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**Chairman Keiser:** Anyone else here to testify in support, opposition, neutral position?  
Closes the hearing on HCR 3032. What are the wishes of the committee?

**Rep Richter:** Moves a Do Pass & placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Rep D Ruby:** Second.

**Chairman Keiser:** Further questions?

**Roll call was taken for a Do Pass & placed on the Consent Calendar on HB 3032 with 13 yes, 0 no, 1 absent & Rep Adams is the carrier.**

Date: Feb 4, 2019

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3032

House \_\_\_\_\_ Industry, Business and Labor \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or  
Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation

- Adopt Amendment
- Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation
- As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations
- Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions

- Reconsider
- \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made by Rep Richter      Seconded By Rep Ruby

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	x		Rep O'Brien	x	
Vice Chairman Lefor	Ab		Rep Richter	x	
Rep Bosch	x		Rep Ruby	x	
Rep C Johnson	x		Rep Schauer	x	
Rep Kasper	x		Rep Adams	x	
Rep Laning	x		Rep P Anderson	x	
Rep Louser	x		Rep M Nelson	x	

Total (Yes) 13      No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep Adams

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3032: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR**  
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3032 was placed on the  
Tenth order on the calendar.

**2019 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**HCR 3032**

# 2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Industry, Business and Labor Committee Roosevelt Park Room, State Capitol

HCR 3032  
2/27/2019  
Job #32918

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Amy Crane
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### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A concurrent resolution urging North Dakota to continue strengthening the sister-state ties between North Dakota and the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan); supporting the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan; and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

### Minutes:

**Chairman Klein:** Opened the hearing on HCR 3032. All members were present.

**Chairman Klein:** Representative Vigesaa was going to be here. Just so you all know, we've already signed this bill with the Taiwanese delegation when they were here last Wednesday. This is that bill. It just talks about our support for Taiwan and that we've been a sister state for many years. The stockmen are supportive and they want to do more trade. And Taiwan generally eats the things we don't. some of the inside parts Americans throw away are sent over there.

**Julie Ellings, North Dakota Stockman's association:** testified in support of the resolution. Taiwan is an important US beef customer. Not only in volume but in terms of value because they have different cultural preferences for different types of beef so that drives the value of our carcass and ultimately puts more dollars in cattle producers' pockets and fuels our economy.

**Chairman Klein:** Could you speak to the value it brings us to have those parts we don't want go somewhere else?

**Julie:** Sure, for instance beef tongue is something that doesn't drive a lot of value here, as much as Taiwan and places in the Pacific Rim, that would otherwise just be thrown or sold into a pet food market. Ground in some cases, but again considered a delicacy and has higher value.

**Chairman Klein:** Same with the tripe? The stomach?

**Vice Chairman Vedaa:** From the grocery meat business, when mad cow was going around and prices went so high because the offals couldn't be sold. So selling those overseas it really keeps our prices of beef down.

**Senator Roers:** Can you tell us how much dollars we export to Taiwan or how much they are buying or anything along those lines?

**Julie:** I didn't come prepared with those numbers but they are amongst our top tier.

**Senator Burckhard:** Do we send processed beef or live animals?

**Julie:** We're talking processed beef. Transporting live animals is extremely expensive and less common.

**Vice Chairman Vedaa: Moved a Do Pass.**

**Senator Piepkorn: Seconded.**

**A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.**

**Chairman Klein will carry the bill.**

**2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3032**

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee  
 Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
 Other Actions:  Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Vedaa    Seconded By Piepkorn

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Klein	X		Senator Piepkorn	X	
Vice Chairman Vedaa	X				
Senator Burckhard	X				
Senator Kreun	X				
Senator Roers	X				

Total (Yes) 6    No 0  
 Absent 0  
 Floor Assignment Klein

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3032: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HCR 3032 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2019 TESTIMONY**

**HCR 3032**

*Testimony to the*  
*House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee*  
**House Concurrent Resolution 3032**

Andrew Alexis Varvel

February 4, 2019

Chairman Keiser and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Alexis Varvel, District 47.

I heartily endorse House Concurrent Resolution 3032. We should be passing this resolution as a matter of course. Given the shifts in trading relationships we have been having in the last couple of years, we should be focusing more of our trade and sister state ties on Southeast China.

To this end, we should consider promoting study of the Hokkien dialect of the Chinese language. Hokkien is a conservative dialect that is common to Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, and Fujian province. After being suppressed for the past forty years, Hokkien is enjoying something of a resurgence. I think North Dakota could benefit from being an overseas center for Hokkien's educational renaissance, and this ought to strengthen existing sister-state ties with Taiwan.

I ask the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee to give House Concurrent Resolution 3032 a **DO PASS** recommendation, preferably unanimously, so we can express our solidarity as fellow free republics.

Thank you.

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