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2001 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SCR 4012

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4012

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 1, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	41.1-End
2	X		0.0-4.9
	X		18.1-23.5
Committee Clerk Signature <i>James A. Raik</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Krebsbach opened the hearing on SCR 4012 which is a resolution requesting that the congress of the United States propose for ratification by the states an amendment to the constitution of the United States relating to state legislative redistricting. Appearing before the committee to introduce the resolution was its primary sponsor Senator Jerry Kelsh, District 26. Over the years it has been questioned why the Legislature from the State of North Dakota is organized under different rules than the Congress of the United States. The Supreme Court ruling has determined that we must be that way. Our forefathers when they set up the United States Constitution were very wise in the fact that they gave one body the possibility of being organized under something other than population. For North Dakota it has been beneficial to have two senators just like the other states. What this resolution does is it petitions the congress of the US to propose a constitutional amendment that would allow all states to have one of their legislative bodies organized under something other than just population, probably land area or whatever. Senator Kelsh believes this is something reasonable. As we see out state becoming

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much more urban he thinks this is a reasonable thing to do. Senator Dever wondered how he would like to see representation apportioned if not by population. Senator Kelsh indicated that up until the 1970's that is the way it was, 1 senator and 2 representatives for each county. The supreme court indicated this wasn't fair. From that point on we have reapportioned every 10 years along with how people are in an area. He believes that if we have either the senate or the house based on something other than population it would make things more even. Senator T. Mathern asked what the principle was behind one person one vote. Senator Kelsh indicated it was equal representation. This would not destroy that however, you would still have one body that would be on that principle. Discussion continued with some historical perspective on the establishment of districts. Senators C. Nelson, T. Mathern, and Dever participated in the discussion (Tape 1, Side B, (Meter #'s 47.5-End and Tape 2, Side A, Meter #'s 0.0-4.9). There was nothing further at this time. The hearing was closed on SCR 4012. Committee Action, A motion for a Do Pass was made by Senator T. Mathern, seconded by Senator C. Nelson. Roll Call Vote indicated 3 Yeas, 3 Nays, and 0 Absent or Not Voting. Motion fails. A motion to send the bill to the floor Without Committee Recommendation was made by Senator C. Nelson, seconded by Senator Wardner. Roll Call Vote indicated 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absent or Not Voting. Senator Kilzer will carry the resolution.

Date: 2/01/01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen. T. Mathern Seconded By Sen. C Nelson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Karen Krebsbach, Chr.		✓	Senator Carolyn Nelson	✓	
Senator Dick Dever, Vice-Chr.	✓		Senator Tim Mathern	✓	
Senator Ralph Kilzer		✓			
Senator Rich Wardner		✓			

Total (Yes) 3 No 3

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 2/01/01
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Senate GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken No Committee Recommendation

Motion Made By Sen. C Nelson Seconded By Sen. Wardner

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Karen Krebsbach, Chr.	✓		Senator Carolyn Nelson	✓	
Senator Dick Dever, Vice-Chr.	✓		Senator Tim Mathern		✓
Senator Ralph Kilzer	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Kilzer

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 1, 2001 1:07 p.m.

Module No: SR-18-2105
Carrier: Kilzer
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4012: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman)
recommends **BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**
(5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4012 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.