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2003 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HCR 3055

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3055

House Political Subdivisions Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 27, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0.0-20.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mickie Schmidt</i> 3-17-03			

Minutes:

TAPE 1: SIDE A:

(0.0) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: We will open the hearing on HCR 3055.

(0.4) REP. PAM GULLESON: In the opening paragraph of the resolution that the goal exists to establish a study so we can look at the patterns of migration from rural to urban area's throughout this state and other states. We need some realistic solutions to what we as a state could do to impact this. I want to go over the whereas's: where as our state's population continues to lead the rural area's in favor of urban area's; where as currently 36.9 % of this state's population now resides in the eastern most counties. And what we know from the projections that by 2020 an additionally 25 to 30 % of our rural area's will have moved to our urban centers. During the 1990's only 6 of the 53 counties showed any growth in population. Most were our current urban centers and reservation counties. In order to spend the tide of migration from rural area's of this state and create a viable future for rural communities, consideration must be given

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to making critical investments in rural community and development. That's what this is really about. We can no longer sit by and just recognize what the problem is and leave it at that. Within this study, we have to look at the trends.

(4.2) REP. DALE SEVERSON: Are you aware of other studies done in other states?

(4.2) PAM GULLESON: I'm not aware of it.

(5.7) REP. MERLE BOUCHEE: (Testimony in support) In reading this particular resolution, I don't think anyone can argue the point that the most significant issue that faces the State of North Dakota today is population. Out migration is one of the critical symptoms of a population issue, it's a component that goes along with it. We need to move forward with this particular issue. Population would solve a lot of our economic issues, budget issues if we had the population and the tax base out there to contribute to the overall economy of the budget situation of ND.

(9.6) REP. MIKE GROSZ: Where's the line where a resolution is more appropriate to be encouraged rather than a directed study.

(9.9) REP. MERLE BOUCHEE: Directed means it is going to be studied, where as encouraged means should be studied. Legislative Council will make those hard decisions and determinations when the time comes.

(12.7) DENNIS HILL; ND ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRIC: (Testimony in support) I think we all recognize that this population is both rural and urban and is a critical issue. We've looked at this in our association for the last ten years.

(13.3) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: Any support? Opposition? We will close the hearing on HCR 3055. What are the committee's wishes?

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(13.5) REP. GIL HERBEL: I MOVE A DO PASS.

(13.5) REP. DALE SEVERSON: I SECOND IT.

(13.8) REP. MIKE GROSZ: I'll vote for it but I do have some concerns because I believe that the rural area's are mainly agricultural area's. You can't do the same things as you could in the 1930's. I don't know what we will get out of the study part, I'm hoping that they look at some energy issues not just agricultural issues.

(15.0) REP. MARY EKSTROM: On line 17 it says that "whereas, agriculture alone cannot revitalize rural communities and non farm strategies for small business development must be explored;" I think the emphasis really says that they realize the Ag. community is getting bigger and bigger, we're going to have to provide services out there. We need to provide jobs and save our small towns.

(15.9) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: Lines 23 & 24 reads: including new initiatives and reforms of existing policies, so that our rural communities can attract and be home to citizens of all ages; contributes to the part of migration.

(17.1) REP. ALON WIELAND: I too will support it although we know the reasons why. People have moved to the larger area's, jobs, higher ed., technology, jobs, medical facilities, other services and jobs.

(18.0) REP. GIL HERBEL: In support.

(19.5) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: Any more discussion? Hearing none, I'll have the clerk take the Roll Call Vote: 14-y; 0-n; 0-absent; Carrier: Rep. Froseth. (20.3)

Date: 2-27-03

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3055

House "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Move A DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Herbel Seconded By Rep. Severson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Glen Froseth	✓				
Vice-Chairman Nancy Johnson	✓				
Mike Grosz	✓				
Gil Herbel	✓				
Ron Iverson	✓				
William E. Kretschmar	✓				
Andrew Maragos	✓				
Dale Severson	✓				
Alon Wieland	✓				
Bruce Eckre	✓				
Mary Ekstrom	✓				
Carol A. Niemeier	✓				
Sally M. Sandvig	✓				
Vonnle Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Froseth

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 27, 2003 3:02 p.m.

Module No: HR-35-3626
Carrier: Froseth
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3055: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Froseth, Chairman) recommends DO
PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3055 was placed on the Tenth order on the
calendar.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3055

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date **March 20, 2003**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0 - 2399
4	X		887 - 1450
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Shirley Borg</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN COOK called the committee to order. All senators (6) present.

CHAIRMAN COOK opened the hearing on HCR 3055 which is a resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the patterns of migration from rural to urban areas experienced by this state and other Midwestern states.

REPRESENTATIVE MUELLER, District 24, introduced HCR 3055 which is to suggest to legislative council to consider an in-depth look at the rural population decline in North Dakota. He didn't think anyone would disagree with the concept that we are losing the people, young, old and in between in rural North Dakota. We think there are some things that we can do about that. Possibly looking at some of the things that are happening in other states as to how they are working with this problem. The resolutions intent is not about taking away from our bigger city cousins, it is an attempt to look in a positive way as to what we can do and what we haven't done yet. As a legislature I think we can encourage people to come back and live in the rural area. The

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legislature has instituted some technology systems and applications that we could develop on a larger scale in the rural country side. Maybe we could look at the concept of retailing and distribution and put some incentives in place. Young people need a reason to be here. He urges the committee to give HCR 3055 a favorable consideration.

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER, District 9, worked with the bill and encourages support on HCR 3055. The single most critical issue that is facing the people of North Dakota in this legislative assembly is our population and what is happening to the population and the trends in the state of ND. It disappoints him that the focus seems to be on unemployment and the bad things. In Rolette County, in the midst of the poverty and fifty percent unemployment, and social problems, they have four hundred ninety five registered Indian businesses plus other business in the surrounding areas. This is an example to ND that if there is a will and resources put on the table to do something, we can accomplish it. It is all about will, initiatives and encouragement that we can create and send forth in a message from the legislature assembly.

SENATOR SYVERSON said he appreciated his words and that he had visited his district. He said that Rep. Boucher had mentioned that initiatives and will could be lacking in many instances and wanted to know how the legislature would go about legislating initiative and will.

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER answered that we can not legislate initiative and will but he thinks as a legislator when the people come with a project it is incumbent upon the legislature to pay attention. We can utilize our time by looking at any issue that has been a success in other places and pick and sort out what would work.

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Dennis Hill, NDRECS appeared in support of HCR 3055. He thinks the legislative effort would be outstanding, if the legislature said they would like to take some of the lead on this and then work with the private sector about some strategies that would work.

No testimony in opposition.

CHAIRMAN COOK closed the hearing on HCR.

Discussion:

SENATOR SYVERSON said this is probably a good idea but he thinks the data is available at the North Dakota data center at North Dakota State University.

SENATOR COOK doesn't think there is a more discussed issue. This is a challenge that is facing all the states.

SENATOR JUDY LEE moved a DO PASS on HCR 3055

SENATOR POLOVITZ seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 0 Absent 0

Carrier: **SENATOR SYVERSON**

Date: 3-20-02
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3055

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Senator Judy Lee Seconded By Senator Polovitz

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Dwight Cook, Chairman	X				
Senator John O. Syverson, V C	X				
Senator Gary A. Lee	X				
Senator Judy Lee	X				
Senator Linda Christenson	X				
Senator Michael Polovitz	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Syverson

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 21, 2003 2:04 p.m.

Module No: SR-51-5472
Carrier: Syverson
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3055: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends DO
PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3055 was placed on
the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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