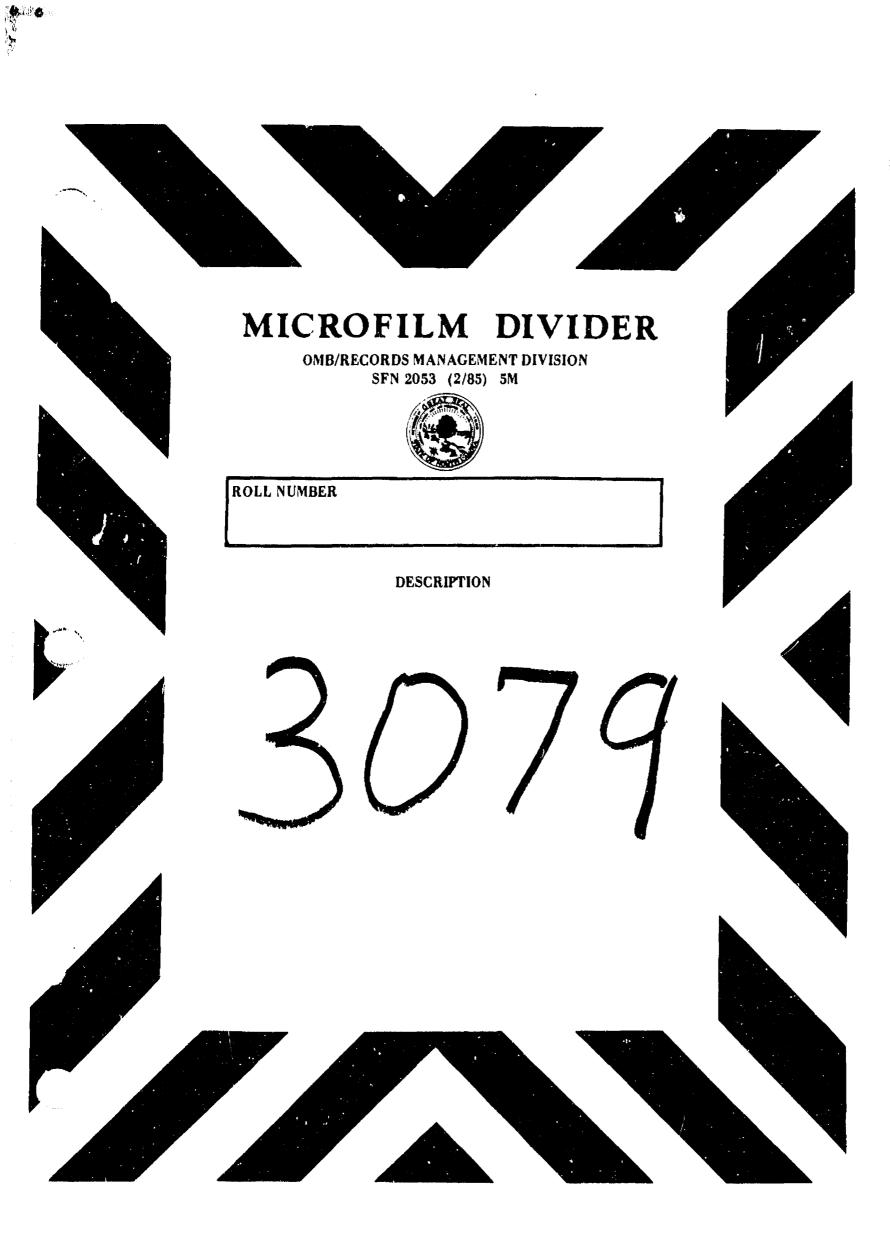


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### 2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3079 **House Education Committee**

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 31, 2003

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Vice Chair Johnson opened the hearing on HCR 3079

Rae Ann Kelsch, District 34, Mandan

This is a delayed resolution, reason that it came about that we are hearing some rumors that perhaps the e-rate is going to be discontinued. And in ND we receive approx. 2M per year for the K-12 operation of the statewide network and it is through the libraries and is connected to the information technology activity. Basically what the impact would be to school districts would be, and it is not to each school district, it is for each school. It is something that if we are not looking at putting very much money into K-12 this year and this is taken away this will be another big hit to our school districts if it is lost. The schools are all networked together, and e-rate should be continued. We need to send a message loud and clear to our delegation that we believe the e-rate should be continued. They will definitely listen to what we have to say.

Rep. Mueller e-rate is this tied to matching funds of any kind. Chairman Kelsch No they are not related to matching funds.

Joe Westby, NDEA, We support the continuation of this program. A good thing for schools and libraries around the state and we hate to see that money disappear.

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Rep. David Monson, support this bill

Bev Nielsen, NDSBA

We would like to go on support for this bill. This is something that the federal government has built a statewide network, and if it goes away I don't know where we will get those technology dollars to continue the program.

OPPOSITION- none

Closed the hearing on the bill

Rep. Meier moved a DO PASS and be placed on the consent calendar, Rep. Mueller seconded the motion. Roll vote: 14-0-0, Rep. Meier will carry the bill to the floor.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) March 31, 2003 9:50 a.m.

Module No: HR-57-6161 Carrier: Meler Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3079: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3079 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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#### **BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3079**

Senate Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 4-7-03

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Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order. Roll Call was taken with all (6) members present.

CHAIRMAN FREBORG opened the hearing on HCR 3079 which urges Congress to continue the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, more commonly known as the e-rate program.

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 3079:**

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE MONSON, Dist. 10, spoke in support of the resolution. He stated the e-rate is important to schools because it is a program through Congress that pays the \$840 ^^ per month for the T1 lines in the schools and libraries. The e-rate is also used to reduce phone bills etc. in schools. He isn't sure whether Congress is actually going to end this program, but he would like ND to go on record as supporting it. He hopes our congressional delegation will support the continuation of the program.

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SENATOR COOK asked if Congress is also trying to change the universal access fee that we the taxpayers pay. REPRESENTATIVE MONSON stated the reason that there is some talk about ending this is most schools have the service and now they should budget for it themselves. He stated that for some small schools in ND that would be a hardship.

SENATOR COOK asked if he had heard anything about fraud. REPRESENTATIVE MONSON said he has heard there is some fraud in how the government pays out the e-rate. He isn't sure how that can be because the provider receives the money, not the school. SENATOR COOK asked if unlimited e-mail by the employees of a school could constitute fraud. REP. MONSON stated perhaps.

SENATOR FLAKOLL asked how effective is this program and who receives it. REP.

MONSON stated it is important to go on record as supporting the e-rate. SENATOR FALKOLL asked if this resolution does go to every member of Congress, especially the ones who want to do away with the program. REP. MONSON hopes that this at least gets to our delegation and they would support our view to continue the program.

SENATOR FREBORG asked about the \$840.00. REP. MONSON stated this is the amount each school would have to pay if the e-rate is discontinued.

There was no opposition to HCR 3079.

The hearing was closed on HCR 3079.

SENATOR COOK moved a DO PASS. Seconded by SENATOR TAYLOR.

Roll Call Vote: 6 YES. 0 NO. 0 Absent. Motion Carried.

Carrier: SENATOR FALKOLL

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) April 7, 2003 12:12 p.m. Module No: SR-62-6945 Carrier: Flakoli Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3079: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3079 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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