

2009 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3017

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 3017

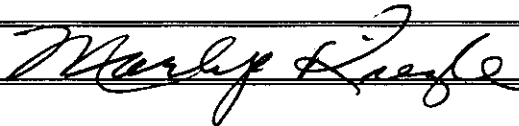
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: February 12, 2009

Recorder Job Number: # 9344

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Grande: Hearing for HB 3017 is opened.

Sheila Peterson: I am the Director from The North Dakota Office Management and Budget.

I am a member of the North Dakota Census Committee and am delighted with this bill. We

want to make sure all of the citizens of North Dakota are counted.

Each year for every citizen not counted means \$1000.00 of Federal money that North Dakota is not getting, because so many of the federal monies that are allocated are on population. If you take that \$1000.00 per person for 10 years the amount comes to \$10,000.00.

In the year 2000 census we missed 4,000 people. So in the 10 years we missed 40 million dollars.

Rep Meier: What method does the census use, door to door, mailings or what?

Sheila Peterson: We have done a lot of advertising for employees. What they are doing starting in April 2009, is they will send in every road and street in North Dakota to verify address in North Dakota. All these address will be sent a 10 question survey. This year there is no long form survey there is only 10 questions. We feel this will much easier. This will give information about the survey which includes the Grand Opening at the office in January. There

will be advertising, flyers, e-mails and e-mail groups that we can use at minimum cost to make sure we contact people.

We do know that the major under count was on the Indian Reservations. So our complete count committee is comprised with City Officials, County Officials, State Officials and Tribal Officials to get the word out so that we can get people counted.

Chairman Grande: The long form that I just had to fill because they wouldn't quit calling my house, what was that for? I was not comfortable to fill out this and send it in.

Sheila Peterson: That is what they call the ACS survey. The American Community Survey which done between the 2000 and the 2010 survey. This gives more detail on a percentage basis. The example is how many telephones you have and so forth along with house hold income. That takes this information and puts more meat on the survey as what does that household have as how many vehicles, phone etc. with that amount of money. Then they say this as an average is what North Dakota looks like.

Chairman Grande: If I would have chosen not to do that what would the repercussions have been?

Sheila Peterson: I don't know that there would be any repercussions to you personally, but I do know that when the 10 question form is send out it costs \$95,000 nationwide to find those people. It is a huge bill for the federal government.

Rep Froseth: I don't know that people know how important the census count really is and just how important it is. Just the statement that the dollar amount should be important and we should get this information out.

Sheila Peterson: Just for informational purposes only, there is \$100,000.00 in OMB's budget to spend on taking the census.

Rep Winrich: What should these Political Subdivisions do to help with the census?

Sheila Peterson: We hope to have entire groups take the information through e-mails or constituent to fill out the forms.

Rep Wolf: You were saying that the undercount was on the reservation, you would be working with tribal units. Yet I do not see on the Resolution anywhere the word Tribal. Why were we leaving out the word tribal leaders?

Sheila Peterson: We in no way have left them out in our discussions and would have no objections to adding that language. They are a major part of our undercounts.

Vice Chairman Boehning: We are getting this 10 question survey in the mail, what if we don't fill it out? Is this 10 question survey out already?

Sheila Peterson: Someone will personally call on you and will show up on your door step to complete survey. I have not seen it yet.

Chairman Grande: Without further testimony the hearing is closed.

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Bill/Resolution No. Committee Work One HCR 3017

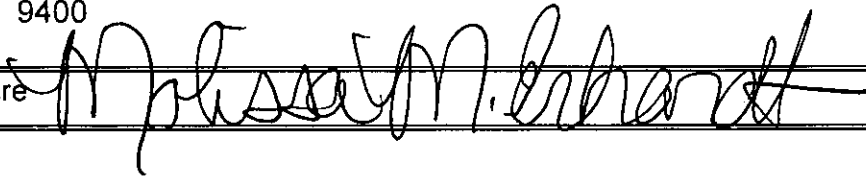
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Hearing Date: 2/12/2009

Recorder Job Number: 9400

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Minutes:

COMMITTEE WORK ONE HCR 3017:

Chairman Grande: We will discuss HCR 3017. Do we want to amend this resolution?

Rep. Wolf: Motion for a Do Pass As Amended.

Chairman Grande: We don't want to put tribal communities on there. I think it is a pretty friendly amendment and the whole idea is that we encourage the tribal communities participate in the census. I am looking at Line 17 after the word political subdivisions to insert "tribal communities" and "all public officials as vital". Is that ok with everyone?

Rep. Dahl: Maybe up on Line 7 where it says federal, state, and after state insert tribal.

Rep. Wolf: And on Line 2.

Chairman Grande: I am using the word "tribal communities" does that sound suitable to you?

Rep. Kasper: What are we trying to reach to on the tribal communities?

Chairman Grande: We are just trying to have the people on the tribal lands wish to participate and be willing participants in the census. If we don't get those we lose tens of thousands of dollars.

Rep. Kasper: Do the tribal governments get funding also?

Chairman Grande: They are a part of the census.

Rep. Kasper: I think it should be tribal governments because they are pretty sensitive to their sovereignty, on Line 7 and Line 17.

Rep. Wolf: What about Line 2?

Chairman Grande: After political subdivisions on Line 2. We will add tribal government and Line 23. We have four places we have added it. Anyone see another place? Amendments are in front of us what are your wishes?

Rep. Dahl: Move for a Do Pass motion on the amendments.

Rep. Winrich: 2nd.

Chairman Grande: All in favor? Consent: I. All. The amended resolution is in front of us.

Rep. Winrich: Move a Do Pass As Amended.

Rep. Wolf: 2nd.

Chairman Grande: If we have a resolution that comes out with no opposition on the voting we can put it on the consent calendar. I was asked by someone from

the census group, no one else stood up to testify after she left, but I guess that that person has requested that this not go on the consent calendar because they wanted it voted on.

Rep. Winrich: Why? Did they want a verification vote, so that there is a count?

Chairman Grande: Normally we take these in one motion, accepted or not, but I am going to put it on the calendar to be voted on, just because that was the wishes that were brought to my attention. We will just go with it, with that and it will be one more that will move quick. Do Pass As Amended in front of us.

Further discussion, Clerk will call the roll.

Clerk Erhardt: Roll Call. Yes: 12. No: 0. Absent: 1. Carrier: Rep. Dahl.

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2/13/09

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3017

Page 1, line 2, after the second "comma" insert "tribal governments,"

Page 1, line 7, after the third "comma" insert "tribal,"

Page 1, line 17, after the second "comma" insert "tribal governments,"

Page 1, line 23, after the second "comma" insert "tribal governments,"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/12/09
Roll Call Vote # 4

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HJR 3017

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Motion Made By

Seconded By

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Grande	✓		Rep. Amerman	✓	
Vice Chairman Boehning	✓		Rep. Conklin	✓	
Rep. Dahl	✓		Rep. Schneider	✓	
Rep. Froseth	✓		Rep. Winrich	✓	
Rep. Karls	✓		Rep. Wolf	✓	
Rep. Kasper	✓				
Rep. Meier	✓				
Rep. Nathe	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Dahl

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

Put on calendar -

6th order

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3017: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Grande, Chairman)
recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends
DO PASS (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3017 was
placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Bill/Resolution No.3017

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 03/20/09

Recorder Job Number: 11348

Committee Clerk Signature

Katie Dever

Minutes:

Chairman Dever opened the public hearing on HRC3017. Representative Jeff Delzer was there to introduce the bill.

Representative Jeff Delzer: Jeff Delzer, District 8. I introduced at the request of the census council, the head of the census came to our district and asked for us to do this for her. All of us know that a good count is vital. I request a Do Pass.

Senator Dever: I have often wondered that we don't know how many illegal aliens are in our county but they do get counted in the Census

Jeff Delzer: I am pretty sure that they put themselves as legal.

Senator Dever: In the 90's we had the lowest growth.

Senator Nelson: In line 15, what is magical about 72 years?

Jeff Delzer: I have no knowledge as to where that number comes from. My guess is it is the federal guidelines.

Senator Horne: I am curious, this is a national effort, does the federal fund this?

Jeff Delzer: They certainly do. The whole essence is to get it out to show people that there are jobs out there.

Senator Dever: Inclusion of tribal government has something to do with the fact that there is some undercounting on reservations, simply because there is some animosity towards government and they have a hard time getting people to cooperate.

Jeff Delzer: I would request you contact House GVA committee for that info.

Senator Nelson: 1980 I was field manager for the eastern part of the state. We had problems on the reservation, people would work for 2 weeks and then quit. It was very time consuming. Valley City ladies who worked in the census were great.

There was no further testimony and Chairman Dever closed the public hearing on HCR3017. A motion was made for a do pass by Senator Cook with a second by Senator Horne. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5-0 with Senator Nelson carrying the bill to the floor.

Date: 3-20-09
Roll Call Vote #: 1

Carrie
Nelson

2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3017

Senate Government and Veteran's Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Cool Seconded By Horne

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Dick Dever	X		Dwight Cook	X	
Dave Oehlke	X		Carolyn Nelson	X	
Robert M. Horne	X				

Total Yes 5 No 6

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 20, 2009 1:58 p.m.

Module No: SR-52-5494
Carrier: Nelson
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3017, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HCR 3017 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.