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SCR 4013 Testimony

House Energy & Natural Resources Committee

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Chairman Porter members of the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee for the record my name is Richard Marcellais Senator from Rolette County District 9.

SCR 4013 is seeking legislative support urging U.S. Congress to pass the North Dakota Trust Lands Completion Act. This bill in the Senate of the United States would authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota.

The Act would authorize the State of North Dakota full access to and use of the original land the State attained at statehood and would accomplish the following:

- Provide to the Indian Tribes greater Tribal sovereignty and control of land and minerals within the reservations; and*

- *Lands or minerals relinquished within a reservation would be held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the Tribe within each reservation; and*
- *Provide for greater conservation and preservation of the Little Missouri National Grasslands.*

I urge a do pass on Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 4013 and stand for any questions.