

House Concurrent Resolution 3048 Committee Testimony

Senate Agricultural Committee:

Chairman Luick, Committee Members

HCR 3048 was born out of concern for the Northern States, including North Dakota, being forced to receive, accept and place illegal aliens, that are crossing the southern borders illegally, within our borders. We all have heard of buses and plane loads of illegal immigrants being placed in these Northern States.

We have, during the last 13 months, dealt with the COVID 19 pandemic.

During that time, we have kept our people locked down, quarantined, isolated & now going through a massive vaccine process, all, supposedly, for the health and safety of our citizens. These illegal aliens have not been through any such health or safety measures. We dare not take the risk of allowing this invasion to take place for any reason. Are these good, honest citizens, or are they criminals?

On March 23, our Governor released a statement in response to the

Department of HomeLand Security Secretary and the White House

Correspondence received Monday, March 22, stated that 'CBP, (Customs &

Boarder Protection) continually evaluates possible contingency plans and

adjusts its operations as circumstances dictate, but **currently** there are no plans to transfer migrants from the Southwest border to the Northern or Coastal borders. We will be sure to work with DHS to reach out if the situation changes.'

The Governor was **very clear** and minced no words when he said:

"To be clear, our administration does not support the transfer to North Dakota of migrants who have entered the United States without permission. While our state willingly participates in the resettlement of **legal, thoroughly vetted refugees**, we strongly oppose any efforts to alleviate the southern border crisis of the overwhelming influx of migrants by transporting them to northern border states such as North Dakota. This crisis is the product and responsibility of the Biden administration, and shifting the problem and public safety costs to North Dakota and other northern border states would place our communities at risk while doing nothing to address the root causes of the ongoing crisis at the southern

border. We urge the administration to address this crisis at the source, fully enforce federal immigration laws, and reassure northern border states that relocation is not on the table."

HOWEVER: the Secretary used the word, "currently", which means "NOT YET, BUT POSSIBLY SOON", "VERY SOON". and that is alarming!

Mr Chairman, the need to be pro-active became even more urgent, as a number of US Senators toured the Southern Boarder crisis this past week. Their reports as well as that of a well known Radio Host, who spent the entire last week on that same boarder. All concurred, this crisis is much larger and more dangerous than any media reported previously.

North Dakota does not have the required facilities, we lack foster home availability, we lack the fiscal ability and other essential infrastructure to meet the needs of unaccompanied youth or other illegal aliens.

It is the privilege & duty of this Chamber, as well as the Chamber across

the hall, to back up the Governor on his position of this crisis, while being proactively responsible.

Mr Speaker, fellow Law Makers, I ask for your support on HCR 3048.

Please give this your GREEN vote, protect your constituents, their communities and Families.

MR Chairman