

**2025 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HCR 3011**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HCR 3011  
2/12/2025

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to provide veterans with medical coverage for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy.

9:27 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Dobervich, Fegley, Holle, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr

Members Absent: Representatives Davis, Hendrix

### Discussion Topics:

- Relief to veterans from trauma, chronic pain and wounds, and other injuries

9:27 a.m. Representative K. Anderson, District 19, introduced the bill.

9:31 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the hearing.

9:31 a.m. Representative Rohr moved a Do Pass.

9:31 a.m. Representative K. Anderson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	AB
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Cleyton Fegley	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	AB
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Karen Rohr	Y

9:32 Roll Call Vote. Motion passed 11-0-2.

9:32 a.m. Representative Dobervich moved to place HCR 3011 on the consent calendar.

9:32 a.m. Representative Holle seconded the motion.

9:32 a.m. Voice vote passed.

Representative Rios will carry the bill.

**Additional written testimony:**

Lanny Kenner, private citizen, submitted testimony in favor, #37289.

9:33 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the meeting.

*Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HCR 3011 ([25.3050.01000](#))**

**Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3011 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

Lanny Kenner  
District 7

Chairman Ruby and committee members, I am requesting a DO  
PASS on house concurrent resolution 3011.

Hyperbaric oxygenated Chambers are a great way to help multiple health problems. I won't get into all the many different ways hyperbaric can help people's health problems because there are so many!

I just know our veterans deserve the best healthcare available. Our veterans put everything on the line for our freedom so we should give them the best health care possible!

By the way I am writing this from inside a hyperbaric oxygenated chamber.

So I am urging you to pass HCR 3011 for the health of our veterans.  
Thank you Lanny Kenner

**2025 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HCR 3011**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HCR 3011  
3/12/2025

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to provide veterans with medical coverage for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy.

2:22 p.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

### Discussion Topics:

- Application of Procedure
- Veterans Affairs Coverage

2:22 p.m. Representative Karen Anderson introduced the bill and submitted testimony in favor #41095.

2:27 p.m. Senator Van Oosting moved Do Pass.

2:27 p.m. Senator Weston seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Van Oosting will carry the bill.

### Additional written testimony:

Lonnie L. Wangen, ND Department of Veterans Affairs, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39951.

Javis and Kadie Sorenson submitted written testimony in favor #40329.

Nathan E. Huntington, Lobbyist with American Legion, Department of North Dakota, submitted written testimony in favor #40380.

2:27 p.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

*Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk*



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HCR 3011 ([25.3050.01000](#))**

**Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3011 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

HCR 3011

North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs  
Lonnie Wangen-Commissioner

3/12/2025

**Senate Human Services-Committee  
69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session  
Senator Judy Lee-Chair**

Chairman Lee and Senate Human Services Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1090.

**Intent of this bill:**

Urge Congress to provide veterans with medical coverage through the US Veterans Affairs for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy (HBOT) in the treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other service-connected conditions.

**Need/Background for bill:**

HBOT has been proven to successfully treat TBI, Concussions, PTSD and many other wounds and conditions by many clinical trials and studies in the US and is internationally accepted as effective treatment (see attached). HBOT has been US FDA approved for many other conditions and there are over a dozen HBOT chambers in North Dakota treating these conditions through private pay.

ND legislation has passed this resolution during previous sessions; however, the Federal VA has not yet adopted this life changing treatment. We must continue to encourage our Congress to approve the use of HBOT.

Senators Hoeven and Cramer have encouraged US Congress to approve the VA to provide HBOT to our veterans.

**Outcome of bill:**

Veterans suffering from TBI, PTSD and other treatable conditions can receive the relief they need through HBOT.

**Fiscal note:**

None

Thank you for your consideration.  
Lonnie Wangen Commissioner-NDDVA

# Hyperbaric Treatment Indications

FDA Approved:

- Air or gas embolism
- Carbon monoxide poisoning and carbon monoxide poisoning complicated by cyanide poisoning
- Clostridial myositis and myonecrosis (gas gangrene)
- Crush injury, compartment syndrome, and other acute traumatic ischemias
- Decompression sickness
- Enhanced healing of selected problem wounds
- Exceptional blood loss anemia
- Necrotizing soft tissue infections
- Osteomyelitis (refractory)
- Delayed radiation injury (soft tissue and bony necrosis)
- Skin grafts and flaps (compromised)
- Thermal burns
- Intracranial abscess

## Internationally Accepted Indications:

- ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)
- Alzheimer's
- Arthritis (Rheumatoid, Osteoarthritis)
- Bell's Palsy
- Bone Fractures
- Brain Injury (Traumatic/Hypoxic/Anoxic)
- Burns
- Cancer
- Dementia
- Femoral Head Necrosis
- Fibromyalgia
- Fungal Infection
- Hearing Loss
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis)
- Liver Damage
- Lupus
- Lyme Disease
- Memory Loss
- Migraine
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Macular Degeneration
- Retinal Detachment
- Retinal Artery/Vein Occlusion
- Retinitis Pigmentosa
- Parkinson's Disease
- Peripheral Nerve Damage
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)
- Rheumatic Diseases
- Spider Bite
- Sports Injury
- Concussion
- Stroke
- Minimizing Surgical Complications
- Wound Healing

To whom it may concern:

I would like to share our experience with Swanson Hyperbarics in Fargo and. Our oldest son was in a freak accident in October of 2024. He was helping fight fires with a small tanker we hav to put out equipment fires when we are haying or harvesting. A pressurized cap came of the unit and hit him right in the temple. Long story short, this could have went a completely different route. Tel had brain surgery within the next 4 hours to remove the skull pieces. He was in ICU overnight and was in the hospital for about 4 more days. He was doing ok with long term memory but had some difficult time with short term memory. We were home for a week when our friend got us hooked up with Swanson Hyperbarics. Tel and I made the 6 hour trip to Fargo to meet up with amazing doctors and staff at swanson's. They were very professional and sincere. They want to see you succeed and get better. They decided to do a concussion test and start diving Tel. He did two dives a day for 30 minutes. By the end of the week Tel's scar looked amazing. We felt like he slept better and got some color back.

We believe the hyperbaric chambers are a wonderful tool to help patients. This office was highly educated and trained! We are so thankful for them in Tel's journey!











Thank you

Kadie Sorenson



Testimony in favor of HCR 3011 Joint Resolution Urging Congress to provide veterans medical coverage for hyperbaric treatment.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Nate Huntington, from Bismarck, ND. I am submitting testimony in favor of HCR 3011 seeking that Congress provide veterans with medical coverage for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy.

I am representing the North Dakota Department of the American Legion (for which I am a registered Lobbyist) and my fellow Marines of Detachment 1419 of the Marine Corps League (Mandan) today.

As a military veteran, and as a Department representing veterans, I (and we) believe that it is appropriate for Congress to provide coverage for this treatment which aids the body in making its own recovery, rather than relying only on drugs and pharmaceuticals (which have their inherent risks and side effects). This resolution asks only that an additional option for treatment of traumatic brain injuries or posttraumatic stress disorder be made available – not that other treatments be removed. This resolution asks for support for veterans from Congress and should easily be resolved by the Legislature of North Dakota.

We support HCR 3011.

Thank you.

## HCR 3011

Many sessions ago the North Dakota Veterans Legislative Council was asked to support Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. I recall the small hearing room was packed. During the testimony I came to believe that this form of treatment could be the “miracle” in the treatment of PTSD and TBI.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy has revealed incredible possibilities for healing. Not only for muscle injuries, joints and wounds, but exceptional progress has been made in the treatment of neurocognitive conditions. Tremendous results have been noted in patients with PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, concussion, depression, anxiety and many other conditions. Mild HBOT has been shown to be the most effective for neurocognitive conditions. This is an incredible form of treatment that has been providing consistently positive results.

The NDVLC strongly urges a **do pass** of this resolution.

Thank you Jim Nelson Legislative Director NDVLC

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