

2025 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SCR 4012

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SCR 4012

2/20/2025

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium cyanide devices on private land.

8:30 a.m. Chairman Luick called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice-Chair Myrdal, Senator Marcellais, Senator Weston, Senator Weber, Senator Lemm

Discussion Topics:

- Value of coyote pelts
- Safety for other animals and placement
- Livestock herd impact
- Omission of private land
- Other livestock protection methods
- Placement guidelines, documented loss, and length of effectiveness

8:30 a.m. Senator Jerry Klein, District 14, testified in favor and introduced the bill.

8:36 a.m. Julie Ellingson, ND Stockmen's Association, testified in favor.

8:42 a.m. Burdell Johnson, livestock producer from Kidder County, testified in favor.

8:46 a.m. Burton Fleger, livestock producer from Burleigh County and sheep rancher, testified in favor.

8:51 a.m. Jeremy Duckwitz, Wildlife Specialist with the USDA Wildlife Service in ND, testified in neutral.

9:05 a.m. Vice-Chair Myrdal closed the hearing.

Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk

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A concurrent resolution urging Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium cyanide devices on any land.

4:19 p.m. Chairman Luick opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice-Chair Myrdal, Senator Marcellais, Senator Weston, Senator Weber, Senator Lemm

Discussion Topics:

- ND Stockmen's Association
- Private land language

4:19 p.m. Chairman Luick led the discussion on a proposed amendment.

4:20 p.m. Chairman Luick closed the hearing.

Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk

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2/24/2025

A senate concurrent resolution urging congress to permit the use of m-44 sodium cyanide devices on private land.

5:34 p.m. Chairman Barta called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice-Chair Myrdal, Senator Marcellais, Senator Weston, Senator Weber, Senator Lemm

Discussion Topics:

- ND Stockmen's Association
- Private and public land

5:35 p.m. Senator Myrdal moved amendment LC# 25.3072.01001.

5:36 p.m. Senator Lemm seconded the motion.

| Senators | Vote |
|----------------------------|------|
| Senator Larry Luick | Y |
| Senator Janne Myrdal | Y |
| Senator Randy D. Lemm | Y |
| Senator Richard Marcellais | Y |
| Senator Mark F. Weber | Y |
| Senator Kent Weston | Y |

Motion passed 6-0-0.

5:36 p.m. Senator Myrdal moved a Do Pass As Amended.

5:36 p.m. Senator Lemm seconded the motion.

| Senators | Vote |
|----------------------------|------|
| Senator Larry Luick | Y |
| Senator Janne Myrdal | Y |
| Senator Randy D. Lemm | Y |
| Senator Richard Marcellais | Y |
| Senator Mark F. Weber | Y |
| Senator Kent Weston | Y |

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Myrdal will carry the bill.

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5:37 p.m. Chairman Luick adjourned the meeting.

Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4012

Introduced by

Senators Klein, Erbele, Lemm

Representatives Beltz, Nelson

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium cyanide devices on
2 ~~private~~any land.

3 **WHEREAS**, M-44 sodium cyanide devices are effective tools used to control wild animals
4 that prey upon livestock, as well as threatened and endangered species; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services uses the M-44
6 sodium cyanide devices to control predators and assist livestock producers; and

7 **WHEREAS**, when properly used, M-44 sodium cyanide devices pose no occupational risk
8 to humans; and

9 **WHEREAS**, United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services has employed strict
10 safety precautions including the use of warning signs ~~and placing the devices only on private~~
11 ~~land with written permission from the landowner~~; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the loss of the M-44 sodium cyanide device ~~would impair~~has impaired the
13 duties of the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services and ~~would result in~~
14 ~~severe economic consequences if predators remain unchecked~~its ability to address predator
15 ~~control~~;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
17 **HOUSE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

18 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium
19 cyanide devices on ~~private~~any land; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
21 to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Majority and Minority

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly

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- 1 Leaders of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the North Dakota
- 2 Congressional Delegation.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4012**

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.3072.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4012 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

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2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Room JW327C, State Capitol

SCR 4012
3/20/2025

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium cyanide devices on any land.

11:29 a.m. Chairman Beltz opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman Beltz, Vice Chairman Hauck, Representatives Anderson, Dobervich, Henderson, Holle, Hoverson, Kiefert, Nehring, Olson, Rios, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, Vollmer

Discussion Topics:

- Coyote control
- Cattle loss
- Not private use

11:30 a.m. Senator Jerry Klein, District 14, Fessenden, ND, introduced and testified.

11:37 a.m. Julie Ellingson, ND Stockmen's Association testified in favor.

11:45 a.m. Burdell Johnson, Livestock Producer, testified in favor.

11:48 a.m. Burton Pfliger, Sheep Producer, testified in favor.

11:52 a.m. Jeremy Duckwitz, Wildlife Specialist, USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services, testified as neutral.

12:21 p.m. Chairman Beltz closed the meeting.

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee Room JW327C, State Capitol

SCR 4012
3/20/2025

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium cyanide devices on any land.

2:30 p.m. Chairman Beltz opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman Beltz, Vice Chairman Hauck, Representatives Anderson, Dobervich, Henderson, Holle, Hoverson, Kiefert, Nehring, Olson, Rios, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, Vollmer

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

2:30 p.m. Representative K. Anderson moved Do Pass.

2:30 p.m. Representative Nehring seconded the motion.

| Representatives | Vote |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Representative Mike Beltz | Y |
| Representative Dori Hauck | AB |
| Representative Karen A. Anderson | Y |
| Representative Gretchen Dobervich | Y |
| Representative Donna Henderson | Y |
| Representative Dawson Holle | Y |
| Representative Jeff Hoverson | Y |
| Representative Dwight Kiefert | Y |
| Representative Dennis Nehring | Y |
| Representative SuAnn Olson | Y |
| Representative Nico Rios | Y |
| Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck | Y |
| Representative Bill Tveit | Y |
| Representative Daniel R. Vollmer | Y |

Motion passed 13-0-1.

2:33 p.m. Representative Hoverson will carry the bill.

2:33 p.m. Chairman Beltz closed the meeting.

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SCR 4012 ([25.3072.02000](#))

Agriculture Committee (Rep. Beltz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4012 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.