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2003 SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION

SCR 4025

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR4025

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 11, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		1785-3009

Committee Clerk Signature *Maureen G. Burdick*

Minutes:

Senator Urlacher opened the hearing on SCR4025. All committee members are present. This resolution urges Congress to promote development of ND wind energy resource.

Senator Tim Mathern (mtr #1912) - Introduced the resolution and explained the intent. Gave further testimony in support of SCR4025.

Senator Wardner (mtr #2227) - Had an additional question on the intent of the bill.

Senator Mathern (mtr #2285) - Explained how resolution is not so much competitive as it is a partnership with the coal industry.

Brian Kramer, ND Farm Bureau (mtr #2347) - Testified in support of SCR4025. Urges a Do Pass.

Senator Wardner (mtr #2559) - Questioned if this is good for the land owner.

Mr. Kramer (mtr #2578) - Explained how this would impact the land owner and why this would be good for them.

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Mary Christianson, Dakota Resource Council (mtr #2646) - Testified in support of SCR4025.

Testimony included how a tax credit works on the federal level and the accompanying sunset clause.

Senator Wardner - Directed a question to Ilona Jeffcoat-Sako regarding the sunset clause.

Ilona Jeffcoat-Sako, Public Service Commission (mtr #2860) - Not familiar with the topic but will be attending and meeting regarding wind tax issues and will be able to clarify.

Dale Niezwaag, Basin Electric (mtr #2970) - Supports SCR4025 and testified as to why along with the effect of the federal sunset clause.

Senator Urlacher - Closed the hearing on SCR4025.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR4025

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 12, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		197-480

Committee Clerk Signature *Mary Kay Wilkey*

Minutes:

Senator Urlacher opened the discussion on SCR4025. All committee members are present except Senator Tollefson. This resolution urges Congress to promote development of North Dakota wind energy resource.

Senator Wardner (mtr #287) - Understands that there is a current bill in effect that will sunset.

Senator Syverson (mtr #320) - Verified that the current legislation does in fact sunset. This bill would continue the clause and escalate the amount.

Senator Syverson moves a Do Pass. 2nd by Senator Nichols. Roll call vote 5 yea, 0 nay, will hold the vote open for Senator Tollefson.

Senator Tollefson voted 1 yea for Do Pass. Final roll call vote 6 yea, 0 nay. Carrier is Senator Seymour.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 12, 2003 4:46 p.m.

Module No: SR-27-2504
Carrier: Seymour
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4025: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Urlacher, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEARS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4025 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4025

House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 5, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	7.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jamie Stein</i>			

Minutes:

REP. WES BELTER, CHAIRMAN Called the hearing to order.

SEN. TIM MATTERN, DIST. 11, FARGO Introduced the resolution. The resolution is asking Congress to support wind energy by increasing their appropriation funds to 2 ½ cents per kilowatt hour level. Went on to explain the Whereas paragraphs in the bill. The resolution says that North Dakota wants to be a partner in this legislation. This would also help the coal industry.

REP. BELTER If we are asking for 2 ½ cents per kilowatt hour tax credit, are we not, in a sense, recognizing that wind energy is not competitive with alternative forms of energy right now?

SEN. MATTERN That is one way of looking at it. Another way of looking at it is, it is a way of supporting research and development which is necessary in any new industry.

Oftentimes, that takes the form of a tax incentive payment. Research and development is costly,

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even developing new industries in terms of plants, and manufacturing pieces of the wind energy industry, taking investments, that's the way I would view that.

REP. MERLE BOUCHER, DIST. 9, ROLETTE Co-sponsor of the resolution, testified in support of the bill. Stated, wind energy overall, has been heightened in the last few years. The people of North Dakota, and the people in the wind energy industry in total, are starting to develop a conscience in respect of what the potential wind energy has, and can provide to the state of North Dakota. We as North Dakotans, are very blessed in energy potential all around. We have the coal, oil and water, and now we are starting to tap the wind resources the state has. Wind energy by itself, can not function, it has to function within an environment with alternative energy sources. There are only about four months every two years, in this part of the world, where wind energy is constant and available on a daily basis. Encourage the support of this legislation.

MARK SITZ, REPRESENTING THE NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS UNION Testified in support of the bill. We have the great potential of wind energy in North Dakota, as we all know. This resolution does send a message to Congress saying we are ready.

SANDY CLARK, REPRESENTING THE FARM BUREAU Testified in support of the bill. She stated they do have a policy supporting the wind energy.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

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COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. WEILER Made a motion for a do pass

REP. HEADLAND Second the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE AND
WAS PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

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House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 11, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
3	X		16.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jamie Stein</i>			

Minutes:

COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. DROVDAL Made a motion to reconsider the action by which SCR 4025 was passed out of committee.

REP. IVERSON Second the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

REP. BELTER Stated he didn't like asking Congress for money when the current production costs of coal fired electricity right now is about 2.5 cents per kilowatt, to ask for this subsidy, doesn't make economic sense.

REP. CLARK Made a motion for a DO PASS.

REP. KELSH Second the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

10 YES 4 NO

REP. KELSH Was given the floor assignment.

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Date: 3-5-03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4025

House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

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Reconsidered

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass

Motion Made By Rep. Weiler Seconded By Rep. Headland

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER, CHAIRMAN					
DROVDAL, VICE-CHAIR					
CLARK					
FROELICH					
GROSZ					
HEADLAND					
IVERSON					
KELSH					
KLEIN					
NICHOLAS					
SCHMIDT					
WEILER					
WIKENHEISER					
WINRICH					

*Carried
by
voice vote consent
placed on calendar*

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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Date: 3-11-03
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Clark Seconded By Rep. Kelsh

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER, CHAIRMAN		✓			
DROVDAL, VICE-CHAIR	✓				
CLARK	✓		CONSENT		
FROELICH	✓		Calendar		
GROSZ	✓	✓			
HEADLAND	✓				
IVERSON		✓			
KELSH	✓				
KLEIN	✓				
NICHOLAS	✓				
SCHMIDT	✓				
WEILER		✓			
WIKENHEISER	✓				
WINRICH	✓				

Total (Yes) 10 No 4

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Kelsh

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 12, 2003 11:28 a.m.

Module No: **HR-44-4548**
Carrier: **S. Kelah**
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4025: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Better, Chairman) recommends DO
PASS (10 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4025 was placed on
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