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2007 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3014

## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HCR 3014

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: January 26, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2024

Committee Clerk Signature

*Morgan Rennie*

Minutes:

**Rep. Weiler:** This bill declares February 12, 2007 as ND close up day. This is a very good program that brings kids in from around the state to learn about the legislative process. They spend some time with us on the Sunday evening before.

**Rick Heidt:** Testimony Attached

**Sen. Boucher:** *This is an excellent program not just for students but for you and me too. I served on the committee and have learned more from the students than I can imagine. I just want to encourage everyone to participate. They will have a better idea on how the government runs.*

**Dr. Sanstead:** *I'm delighted to be present and offer support for this. I have had the experience in being involved in close up all 18 years. It is a very worthy program for young people. Clearly it not only engages the process because they get such an important experience they will remember and they clearly benefit from this. The program does offer insight into all three branches. One year we'll do the executive branch when we aren't in session or the judicial when we aren't in session. During legislator years we focus on the legislative branch. This year it is specifically the work of committees and we will have mock sessions for the students. From the perspective of education it is for kids interested in this sort of thing. It is also indicated from*

*this time that we are going to have tribal government at this years close up. It is very positive that we have now engaged tribal culture with that. I urge support for this resolution and once again I know that Close Up will be an exciting experience.*

**Rep. Kasper:** Are all the districts in ND participating? Is your office working to promote this actively in the ND schools?

**Dr. Sanstead:** Yes we certainly have. The superintendents and principles are much more aware of this now. We want to make sure that as many students as possible attend. We are up to about 30 schools attending. That is a recognition of our times.

**Rick Heidt:** We invite all school districts at the beginning of the year. Every superintendent and every social studies teacher gets a letter of invitation. Many choose to go to the national program. Fundraising is getting tougher and funds are limited. We want to find a place where we can put it that attracts more students and gives them the opportunity so they don't miss many activities. We are looking at a time we can offer it where they don't have to choose between sports and Close up.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there additional testimony on HCR 3014? If not we will close the hearing on HCR 3014.

Date: 1-26-07  
Roll Call Vote #: 19

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Click here to type Bill/Resolution No."

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HCR 301A

Action Taken move for emergency clause

Motion Made By Rep. Meier Seconded By Rep. Weiler

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C.B Haas Chairman			Rep. Bill Amerman		
Rep. Bette Grande V.P			Rep. Louise Potter		
Rep. Randy Boehning			Rep. Jasper Schneider		
Rep. Stacey Dahl			Rep. Lisa Wolf		
Rep. Glen Froseth					
Rep. Karen Karls					
Rep. Jim Kasper					
Rep. Lisa Meier					
Rep. Dave Weiler					

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 1-26-07  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Click here to type Bill/Resolution No."**

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HCR 3014

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Meier Seconded By Rep. Boehning

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C. B Haas Chairman	X		Rep. Bill Amerman	X	
Rep. Bette Grande VC	X		Rep. Louise Potter		
Rep. Randy Boehning	X		Rep. Jasper Schneider	X	
Rep. Stacey Dahl	X		Rep. Lisa Wolf	X	
Rep. Glen Froseth	X				
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Jim Kasper	X				
Rep. Lisa Meier	X				
Rep. Dave Weiler	X				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Weiler

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 1, 2007 4:37 p.m.

**Module No: HR-22-1857**  
**Carrier: Weller**  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3014: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HCR 3014 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3014

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3014

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 2/22/07

Recorder Job Number: 3669

Committee Clerk Signature

*Veronica Spelling*

Minutes:

All members of the committee were present.

Sen. Dever, Chairman, opened the hearing on HCR 3014.

Representative Dave Weiler from District 30 introduced the resolution.

Senator Dever asked if a resolution could be started now for the next session so it could be passed in a more timely manner. Scheduling Close Up Day two years out may be a problem.

Rick Heidt, Coordinator for the North Dakota Close Up Program, spoke about the Close Up Program. See attachment # 1. He thanked the Senators for their involvement in and support of the Close Up Program. Rick said there were 19 Representatives and 5 Senators at the Doublewood event on February 11th. Senator Dever said there were even more than that. Rick said he could only judge it by who signed a sign-in sheet he had.

Senator Lee said Close Up impacted her daughter's choice of career and asked how many years there has been a Close Up Program in North Dakota.

Rick said it is in its eighteenth year. He mentioned that in 2001 there were 195 students and it had declined since that time because it competes with sports. Rick, as the Program

Coordinator, has considered changing the date but input from teachers is to not change the

date. If the date were changed there would just be other scheduling problems with groups such as FBLA and SADD.

Senator Dever asked if Close Up Day is held only on legislative years.

Rick said it is held every year. On the "off year" they concentrate their attention on the executive and judicial branches.

There was discussion about the effectiveness of the program in getting students involved in government. There was also some sharing of ideas on how to get the larger schools in the state to become more involved in the state Close Up Program. Some schools put their emphasis on the national Close Up Program. Rick feels the students in schools who do this are missing out on a great opportunity because the cost of the state Close Up is only \$120.00 which includes hotel and everything.

Senator Horne asked if there was a limit on the number of students that could attend national.

Rick said it's not limited but the cost of \$2000.00 does limit the number who do attend national Close Up.

Senator Dever asked if the schools limit the number of students who attend.

Rick said that is up to the schools. As far as the Close Up Program is concerned, if more students attend they will accommodate them.

Senator Dave O'Connell from District 6 spoke in favor of the resolution. He was appointed to the Close Up Committee in 1985 and served on it for a number of years. See attachment # 2.

A do pass motion was made by Senator Nelson.

The motion was seconded by Senator Oehlke.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Absent 0

Carrier: - Nelson

Chairman Dever closed the hearing on HCR 3014.

Date : 2-22-07  
Roll Call Vote # : 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3014 HCR

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken to pass Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

Motion Made By Nelson Seconded By Oehlke

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Dick Dever - Chairman	✓		Senator Robert Horne	✓	
Senator Dave Oehlke - VC	✓		Senator Richard Marcellais	✓	
Senator Judy Lee	✓		Senator Carolyn Nelson	✓	

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Nelson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 22, 2007 11:56 a.m.

Module No: SR-34-3674  
Carrier: Nelson  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3014: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HCR 3014 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HCR 3014

*Same  
to House*

# TESTIMONY FOR HCR 3014

*attach #1*

ter Chairman and members of the Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee:

My name is Rick Heidt, coordinator of the North Dakota Close Up Program. I would like to share some information about the Close Up program with you.

The North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders, in conjunction with the Tesoro Refinery <sup>and</sup> the National Close Up Foundation, sponsored North Dakota Close Up for its eightteenth program year. Approximately 125 high school students and 32 teachers from around the state were in Bismarck on Sunday, February 11 to participate in the 2 day event held at the State Capitol and the Doublewood Inn.

The purpose of the Close Up program, as this resolution states, is to ignite an interest in the democratic process and to instill young people with the desire to become active participants in government. Close Up North Dakota concentrates on the functions and structure of state government and defines the constitutional responsibilities assigned to each of the three branches of government. The media and special interest groups, both major influences affecting government policy, are also examined.

Democracy to succeed, it is vital for citizens to take an active interest in their government. One way to develop this relationship is by participating in Close Up programs. In 1972 the Close Up Foundation -- the nation's largest civic education organization -- began to sponsor such programs across the country and around the world, and has involved students, teachers, community leaders, and other adults. Close Up programs provide students and other participants with opportunities for citizenship education and direct involvement in the democratic process.

An impressive roster of speakers was scheduled to assist students to simulate the legislative process. Issues surrounding youth and their interest in North Dakota as a workplace and home were discussed during the two day event. A "Meet Your Legislators" hour took place Sunday, February 11 at 7:30 PM at the Doublewood Inn; students had a chance to meet and discuss these issues with their legislators.

Thank you very much for your involvement, your continuing support, and concern in this resolution and in the Close Up program.

*attach #2*

## House Concurrent Resolution 3014 Summary

Senator David P. O'Connell

A concurrent resolution declaring February 12, 2007 as "North Dakota Close Up Day".

Close Up Day is a program that was instilled to interest youth in legislation and government, and to inspire youth to become active participants in our government.

Nearly 225 students will participate in the 2007 program.

The program focuses on the three branches of government. The 2007 program will focus on the legislative branch of our government.