

**2013 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HCR 3038**

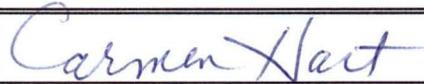
# 2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HCR 3038  
February 21, 2013  
19369

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Directing the legislative management to study the statutory and regulatory requirements placed on ND state government agencies by US government agencies.

### Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

**Chairman Jim Kasper** opened the hearing on HCR 3038.

**Rep. Becker** appeared in support and as a sponsor of HCR 3038. This resolution intends to have the legislative management study the aspect of federal funding. What I hear many times if we act in one way or act in a different way, it may affect federal funding for Program A, Program B, Program C with the highway department funds. When I speak with other representatives, there is not a real good grasp of how much funding there is, what are the strings that are attached to the funding, is it a really great deal for the state? A study would say in each situation how much funding do we have, how much are we obligated to do as a state, what are the regulations, what are the costs of implementing those regulations as the indirect cost so we can be able to say with full knowledge whether it is a good idea to continue to implement policies in any given circumstance because we will now know what the federal funding is, what our liabilities are.

**Rep. Steven Zaiser** Do you have any idea on what the fiscal statement is on this or the cost of studying this? I think it is mammoth personally.

**Chairman Jim Kasper** If this study resolution is passed, it goes to legislative management and they are going to determine whether or not they are going to even pick it up.

**Rep. Steven Zaiser** Isn't this a must?

**Chairman Jim Kasper** No, it is their choice.

**Rep. Marie Strinden** Say I write a bill that has to do with the DOT, can the legislative council now look at the strings attached to that or is it such a complex issue that they would have to do that separately?

**Rep. Becker** My understanding is that they don't have to look anything up. It can be requested during the course of committee discussions, but as I am sure you are aware, a lot of times it is kind of a blip on the screens saying--for instance, tarps or something in transportation, if we don't do this, we are going to lose funding. It is hard for me to make an informed decision when I don't really know what that means. How important is the funding? It could be very costly. I don't know. I have a feeling they will probably shuffle it, but my thought is federal funding and how we respond to it as though it is a very necessary thing. It is a guiding force. I think that it worth spending some dollars to really know. To me I am looking at running the state like a business, and it would be really hard to make a business decision and not say here's my cost and here's my indirect cost.

**Rep. Gary Paur** There are many associations with all kinds of special interests. There must be one that addresses this that the study could use as a resource. Are you aware of any?

**Rep. Becker** I am not and it would be pretty neat if when the legislative management group saw this that they would say this work is already done. Let's get a booklet that gives all of this detailed information to all of the legislators.

**Rep. Gary Paur** You need the study to probably promulgate that.

**Rep Becker** Exactly.

**Rep. Ben Koppelman** made a motion for a Do pass.

**Rep. Gary Paur** seconded.

**Rep. Gail Mooney** This is strictly for study purposes?

**Chairman Jim Kasper** Absolutely. No money, no demand. Legislative management can pick it up or not.

**Rep. Jason Dockter** How many studies are there and how many do they actually pick?

**Chairman Jim Kasper** You just never know. Being I have not served on it, I can't give you any firsthand knowledge. They will meet after legislative session and look at all the resolutions, the studies, and all the things that have passed and the things they think that need to studied and will have a vote with their 16 or 17 members and they decide. Then we get to choose our committees.

A roll call vote was taken and resulted in **DO PASS, 11-2, 1 ABSENT**. **Rep. Scott Louser** is the carrier.

Date: 2-21-13  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

**2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3038**

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By B Koppelman Seconded By Paur

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jim Kasper	X		Rep. Bill Amerman		X
Vice Chairman Randy Boehning	X		Rep. Gail Mooney	X	
Rep. Jason Dockter	X		Rep. Marie Strinden	X	
Rep. Karen Karls	X		Rep. Steven Zaiser		X
Rep. Ben Koppelman	X				
Rep. Vernon Laning	X				
Rep. Scott Louser	X				
Rep. Gary Paur	X				
Rep. Karen Rohr					
Rep. Vicky Steiner	X				

Total (Yes) 11 No 2

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Louser

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3038: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HCR 3038 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2013 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HCR 3038**

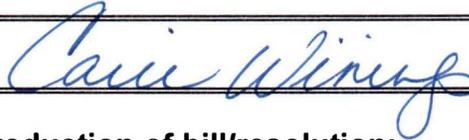
# 2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee  
Missouri River Room, State Capitol

HCR 3038  
04/04/2013  
Job Number 20862

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the statutory and regulatory requirements placed on North Dakota state government agencies by United States government agencies as a condition of the receipt of federal funding to determine whether there are viable options to meet the needs of our state without having the federal government's oversight and involvement, which state needs can be met if federal funding associated with undesirable regulation or excessive direct and indirect costs are refused, and whether the federal fiscal impact is a significant and necessary factor in assenting to the continuance of federal government involvement in the state's management processes.

## Minutes:

**Chairman Dever:** Opened the hearing on HCR 3038.

**Representative Heller, District 33:** Testified as a sponsor and to explain the bill. (Reads from the bill)

**(2:05)Chairman Dever:** It sound complicated.

**Senator Schaible:** I totally understand the concept, in fact I think there are several of these, but they are divided by sub departments like education and human services. Isn't this so overwhelming and so vast that it would be almost impossible to do.

**Representative Heller:** Actually, I did not do the research on this. Representative Becker may have some written testimony that he can hand out to the committee. We can ask him when he gets here.

**Senator Nelson:** I am looking at this and wondering if we are going to go through all of the military bases, the National Guard monies, the highway department, FEMA money, etc.

There is a lot of stuff here and I think we always rank in the top 2 per capita among federal money we get.

**Chairman Dever:** It is an optional study.

**No other testimony was present.**

**Chairman Dever:** Closed the public hearing.

**Senator Cook: Moved a Do Pass.**

**Vice Chairman Berry: Seconded.**

**A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 5 yeas, 2 nays, 0 absent.**

**Vice Chairman Berry: Carrier.**

Date: 4/4

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3038

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Senator Cook Seconded By Senator Berry

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
Chairman Dick Dever	✓		Senator Carolyn Nelson		✓
Vice Chairman Spencer Berry	✓		Senator Richard Marcellais		✓
Senator Dwight Cook	✓				
Senator Donald Schaible	✓				
Senator Nicole Poolman	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 2

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Berry

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3038: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HCR 3038 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.