

2015 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HCR 3026

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Prairie Room, State Capitol

HCR 3026
2/12/2015
23751

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Amanda Muscha

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Resolution recognizing February 14th, 2015 as "National Socks for the Homeless Day" in North Dakota.

Minutes:

Testimony 1

Chairman Klemin: Opened hearing on HCR 3026.

Representative Kasper: I will let Erin introduce this day that we want to bring up. This will make a day to celebrate what her organization is doing.

Erin Bertel: (Testimony 1)

Chairman Klemin: This is for a couple days from now but then this Resolution would then go to the Senate and by the time it gets approved it will be passes.

Erin Bertel: It wouldn't be a problem. February 14th, has merit for the organization and it would still have weight for the people who serve with me.

Representative Maragos: Moves a do pass and place on the consent calendar.

Representative Beadle: Seconds

Representative Strinden: Should we amend this to make it a day every year?

Chairman Klemin: They said it was ok and we already have a motion. It is not necessary.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: Yes 14, No 0, Absent 0

Motion Carries

Representative Beadle will carry the bill.

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3026

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Subcommittee Conference Committee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Other Actions: Reconsider consent calendar

Motion Made By maragos Seconded By Beadle

Representative	Yes	No	Representative	Yes	No
Chairman Lawrence R. Klemin	X		Rep. Pamela Anderson	X	
Vice Chair Patrick R. Hatlestad	X		Rep. Jerry Kelsh	X	
Rep. Thomas Beadle	X		Rep. Kylie Oversen	X	
Rep. Rich S. Becker	X		Rep. Marie Strinden	X	
Rep. Matthew M. Klein	X				
Rep. Kim Koppelman	X				
Rep. William E. Kretschmar	X				
Rep. Andrew G. Maragos	X				
Rep. Nathan Toman	X				
Rep. Denton Zubke	X				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Beadle

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

motion carries

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3026: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3026 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

*Placed on the Consent Calendar
on the floor.*

2015 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HCR 3026

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Red River Room, State Capitol

HCR 3026
March 27, 2015
Job Number 25547

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A concurrent resolution recognizing February 14, 2015, as "National Socks for the Homeless Day" in North Dakota

Minutes:

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Chairman Burckhard opened the hearing on HCR 3026. All senators were present.

Chairman Burckhard read the Representatives and Senators that were sponsors on this bill. There was no one in attendance to talk about the bill.

Senator Judy Lee I move do pass
2nd. **Senator Bekkedahl**

Senator Grabinger Should we put on an amendment to change the date to 2016?

Senator Judy Lee No, because the date is over. They already heard it. It was only for this year, not every year.

Senator John Grabinger Why isn't it for every year?

Senator Judy Lee Please don't go there!

Roll call vote:

6 Yea, 0 No, 0 Absent

Carrier: Senator Burckhard

Date: 3.27.15
Roll Call Vote: 1

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. LCR 3026

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Sen. Judy Lee Seconded By Senator Bekkedahl

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Burckhard	X				
Senator Anderson	X		Senator Dotzenrod	X	
Senator Bekkedahl	X		Senator Grabinger	X	
Senator Judy Lee	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Burckhard

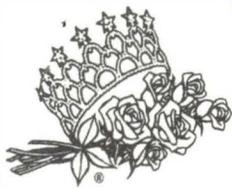
If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3026: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Burckhard, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3026 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2015 TESTIMONY

HCR 3026



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2/12/2015
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Erin Bertel

Mrs. North Dakota International 2015

Joy of Sox

On any given night, over 600,000 people in our country will be homeless, and from January through June of 2014, my family and I were 5 of them. As a cancer survivor, I am not a stranger to paralyzing situations; and it is these challenging and paralyzing experiences that have permanently altered the way I see people. A man I lived next to for three weeks, Kyle, who is chronically homeless, inspired my passion to distribute socks to the homeless in effort to restore hope, provide comfort, warmth and dignity to homeless children and adults. I have learned first-hand that when I see a fellow human in crisis, that it is truly "there, but for the grace of God, go I" and that it could be my crisis in the blink of an eye.

"The Joy of Sox", is designed to educate and create awareness throughout North Dakota on the importance of getting involved and supporting our citizens who are experiencing homelessness. My mission is simple: to provide socks for the homeless. My main objectives are: 1. Collect new socks (helps raise community awareness of homelessness). 2. Distribute the socks to the homeless (restores hope) 3. Fundraising (to purchase new socks

I have partnered and will continue to partner with The Joy of Sox (thejoyofsox.org) through volunteerism primarily through becoming the "Sock Angel" and spokesperson for North Dakota, National Board Member and National Chief Sock Angel. As such, in the past six month have:

- Received a proclamation of February 14, 2015 as Socks for the Homeless from Governor Dalrymple.
- Held a sock drives with churches and schools to collect over 2000 pairs of new socks.
- Hosted a foot washing and foot care booth at Project Homeless Connect.
- Generated funds through sponsorship.
- Modeled in local fashion show benefiting "Dress for Success"
- Distributed 1000s of new pairs of socks throughout North Dakota
- Participated in "Homeless and Hungry".
- Volunteered with Habitat for Humanity through the summer to help construct two new homes.
- Volunteered through my church to sort and distribute donated clothing to a local homeless shelter.
- Volunteered at the Salvation Army serving meals to the homeless.

The Joy of Sox Having personally experienced what homelessness is all about, I want to use my story as a tool to both inspire and educate others. As Mrs. North Dakota International 2015, I plan to engage in public speaking, hold sock drives, and distribute socks throughout the state to increase awareness of the 2, socks for the homeless, restoring their sense of hope and faith in humanity. Through my partnership with The Joy 2,063 homeless citizens in North Dakota and on the importance of a simple mission of providing a pair of Sox, I hope to inspire others to find a way that can best support the homeless and local homeless agencies.



Losing our home



Living in the park



thejoyofsox.org



Feet in need of hope

Providing foot care

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The Impact of New Socks

Why socks?

The homeless very rarely ever get donation of new socks. For example, most people usually donate their used or out of style clothing to the needy, but usually throw out their socks because they are worn.

The homeless also have serious foot health problems because they do not have decent socks (see Impact – Physical below).

How The Joy of Sox[®] got started

The founder used to be really homelesophobic. Ironically his wife was volunteering at a shelter in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. She eventually convinced him to face his fears and help out one weekend. After that visit he learned that the homeless have tremendous foot problems because they very rarely get donations of new socks. The idea of socks resonated with him.

A little later he (reluctantly) returned and started handing out socks. One lady started to cry when he put a pair into her plastic bag. She said no one had ever given her a pair of socks before. She also reached out to hug him and he had never touched a homeless person before. He got emotional and hugged her back. His epiphany moment! He knew then he had to be the sock guy.

The Joy of Sox[®] is now a Philadelphia area-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission of providing new socks for the homeless.

Impact – Number of socks

Over 119,100 pairs of new socks have been given to the homeless. They are distributed primarily in the Philadelphia region (a list of facilities served is attached), but when inventory allows, we have fulfilled limited requests for new socks in 15 other states (approximately 4.6% or 5,300 have been sent outside the Philadelphia region).

Impact – Physical

Hallux abductovalgus (bunions), hammertoes, pedal extostosis, various boney prominences, calluses and corns are caused or irritated by friction. These conditions can make it painful to walk.

Many homeless also suffer from polyneuropathy, a condition where they lose nerve function and cannot feel irritations on their feet. The skin on their feet may break down

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and form an ulcer, which usually become infected and can cause cellulitis (skin infection), deadly sepsis (blood poisoning) or deep bone infection. In lower extremities bone infections are cured by amputation.

New socks decrease friction between the shoe and the foot and can help prevent or minimize the impact of these painful conditions.

Impact – Psychological

New socks can help improve the well-being and outlook of the homeless. For example, the daughter of a homeless single mom gets ridiculed at school because her socks are tattered. The child feels like an outcast and doesn't want to go back to school.

For example, a middle-aged homeless man asks for a pair of business socks so he can go on a job interview. He felt if he didn't have decent socks he might not get the job.

Now the new socks we provide will probably not make the school girl smarter, or guarantee the man a job, but they certainly helped her go back to school and helped the gentleman go to the interview.

Impact – Health care system

Although we have not yet done a survey to quantify this item there has to be a reduction of visits to emergency rooms and street clinics (for the conditions mentioned above) for the homeless who get regular donations of new socks.

And since many homeless are not insured the general population winds up underwriting the cost of their visits and treatments.

More information?

Website: www.TheJoyOfSox.org

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YouTube: www.YouTube.com/TheJoyOfSox/videos

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Make a donation: www.TheJoyOfSox.org/donate

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Dangers to Homeless without Socks

Environmental:

Frostbite – socks provide a layer of warmth, worsened by smoking which constricts blood vessels making toes more susceptible to damage by cold. Severe frostbite leads to amputation.

Mechanical:

Hallux abductovalgus (bunions), Hammertoes, Pedal Exostosis, and various boney prominences become irritated by friction. Socks decrease friction between the shoes and the foot. Sock also help cushion the bottom of the foot. The friction leads to thickened skin (callus and corn formation or hyperkeratosis), which at its best is painful. It feels like walking with a rock in your shoe. Many homeless people have a condition call polyneuropathy. They lose nerve function and cannot feel irritations of their feet. The thickened skin can then break down to an ulcer. Neuropathic ulcers usually become infected and can cause cellulitis (skin infection), deadly sepsis (blood poisoning) or deep bone infections. In the lower extremities bone infections are cured by amputation. Antibiotic treatment is mostly ineffective in these cases. Populations who can be affected by neuropathy include Diabetics, Alcoholics, and patients on HIV medication, in other words, much of the homeless population.

Infectious:

Tinea Pedis (athletes foot): T.Pedis is a fungal infection of the skin caused by the organism *Trichphyton mentagrophytes* (vesicular or small blister formation between the toes) or *Trichphyton rubrum* (small circular dry areas which cover the entire bottom of the foot). Almost all of us have some fungi on our skin, but we do not all become infected with T. Pedis. We do not know all the factors that cause a T.Pedis infection but we do know the fungus likes warm, moist, dark places. Not

only do clean socks decrease the amount of contact anyone would have with the organism, but clean socks also create a layer of dryness to the skin which slows the growth of the organism. T.Pedis can create itchiness and burning. The areas of dryness can split and open the skin to bacterial infection.

Onychomycosis: Onychomycosis is the nail manifestation the same fungal infection. It has four categories of infection, but the most common type causes thickness, dystrophy of the nail. The thickness can be quite painful and also breaks down the surrounding skin, and leads to an infected ingrown nail. Again compromised patients, those with other disease processes, are at higher risk to develop ulcers, cellulitis, sepsis, and bone infections. Socks can help prevent against onychomycosis in the same way they protect against T.Pedis.

Plantar Warts: Plantar warts are caused by a virus. We have no anti-viral drugs to fight the virus. We believe the virus can enter the skin through an area of trauma (walking with no socks/shoes). Once the virus manifests itself as a skin lesion it mostly resembles a callous. The warts commonly multiply and become painful.

Social:

The Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners published the results of a survey of the utilization of foot care services among homeless adults. The results showed "An overwhelming number of respondents ($n=62$) felt that the embarrassment associated with the smell of feet and the poor condition of their shoes and socks were deterrents in using available foot care services. One individual's response to who can use the foot care services was "those who are willing to be embarrassed!" By not using foot health care services the homeless population does not get any preventative foot care, which has shown to be very helpful in compromised individuals. Providing clean, new socks helps those in need to get one step closer to health care.

By: Susan Papp-Mlodzienski, DPM, FACFAS. May 22, 2012

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State of
North Dakota
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Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS DAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2015

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 2014 there were a reported 578,424 homeless individuals living in the United States, nearly one-quarter of which were children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2013, North Dakota's homeless population doubled to about 2,068 individuals; and

WHEREAS, all donations of clothing to organizations assisting the homeless population in North Dakota are desperately needed and appreciated, socks are a high-demand item that are rarely thought of;

WHEREAS, socks are a basic need and assist in combatting frostbite, hypothermia, blisters and ulcers, all of which could ultimately lead to possible amputation; and

WHEREAS, the need for clean, dry socks is imperative to decrease the likelihood of fungal and bacterial infections that can to cellulitis and skin infection; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are urged to raise awareness for the plight of homeless individuals, to donate basic needs like socks to local organizations assisting the homeless population in North Dakota or contact their local homeless shelter to find out what items are needed most for donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 14, 2015, **SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS DAY** in the state of North Dakota.


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Legislative Resolution

Assembly No. 103

BY: M. of A. Curran



MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 14, 2013, as Socks for the Homeless Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 14, 2013, as Socks for the Homeless Day in the State of New York, and to encourage all citizens of this great Empire State to contribute to organizations that provide socks for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, According to HUD in 2010, there were 649,879 homeless individuals across America; and

WHEREAS, A pair of socks is a basic need for a person to have and a lack of socks can lead to frostbite and blisters as well as ulcer formations and inevitable loss of limb and amputation; and

WHEREAS, Clothing donations to the homeless rarely include much-needed socks; and

WHEREAS, The need for clean, dry socks is imperative to decrease the likelihood of fungal and bacterial infection that can be harbored in a shoe liner and then can infect a person, leading to cellulitis and skin infection; and

WHEREAS, The need for socks is basic in that they protect the feet from the internal structures of shoes as well as help insulate the feet from cold surfaces, especially for those who deal with rheumatoid arthritis; and

WHEREAS, The simplicity of socks can make so much difference for the homeless individual; and

WHEREAS, For children, new socks can mean not having splinters and infected fungal nails after borrowing other kids' shoes or using donated hand-me-downs without a barrier like a sock to protect them from contagious agents; and

WHEREAS, Single mothers and children who have one pair of socks, which can last only so long, are given back dignity when they own new, non-tattered socks; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State of New York to continue to raise awareness of the plight of homeless individuals and the medical problems associated with being homeless and sockless; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 14, 2013, as Socks for the Homeless Day in the State of New York; and be it further

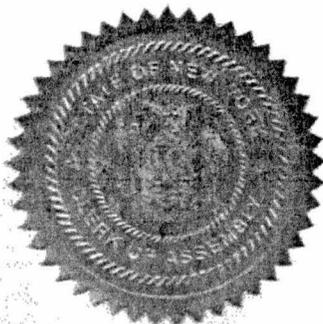
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON
February 27, 2013

By order of the Assembly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurene R. Kretzler".

Laurene R. Kretzler, Clerk



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 283 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY LEACH, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, WARD, HUGHES, FARNESE,
COSTA, PIPPY AND BRUBAKER, APRIL 2, 2012

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 2, 2012

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing February 14, 2012, as "National Socks for the Homeless Day" in Pennsylvania and encouraging all citizens to contribute to organizations that provide socks for the homeless.

WHEREAS, According to HUD in 2010 there were 649,879 homeless individuals across America; and

WHEREAS, About 15,096 homeless individuals reside in Pennsylvania, including approximately 5,798 in Philadelphia, 1,136 in Pittsburgh and 365 in Harrisburg; and

WHEREAS, A pair of socks is a basic need for a person to have and a lack of socks can lead to frostbite and blisters as well as ulcer formations and inevitable loss of limb and amputation; and

WHEREAS, Clothing donations to the homeless rarely include much-needed socks; and

WHEREAS, The need for clean, dry socks is imperative to decrease the likelihood of fungal and bacterial infection that can be harbored in a shoe liner and then can infect a person, leading to cellulitis and skin infection; and

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WHEREAS, The need for socks is basic in that they protect the feet from the internal structures of shoes as well as helping insulate the feet from cold surfaces, especially for those who deal with rheumatoid arthritis; and

WHEREAS, The simplicity of socks can make so much difference for the homeless individual; and

WHEREAS, For children, new socks can mean not having splinters and infected fungal nails after borrowing other kids' shoes or using donated hand-me-downs without a barrier like a sock to protect them from contagious agents; and

WHEREAS, Single mothers and children who have one pair of socks, which can last only so long, are given back dignity when they own new, nontattered socks; and

WHEREAS, The Joy of Sox was created to accept and manage donations from all over the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Joy of Sox continues to raise awareness of the plight of homeless individuals and the medical problems associated with being homeless and sockless; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize February 14, 2012, as "National Socks for the Homeless Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage all citizens to contribute to The Joy of Sox and other organizations that provide socks for the homeless.