

1999 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3011

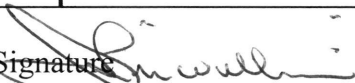
1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3011

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-21-1999

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Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: Some of the individuals testifying submit written testimony. When note please refer to it for more detailed information.

Representative Klein, Chairman of the GVA Committee opened the hearing on January 21, 1999.

Summary of the Resolution: Directing the legislative council to sturdy state agency office space needs to determine the feasibility and desirability of transferring state agencies or state employees to rural areas.

Testimony in Favor:

Representative Sveen, Appeared before the committee to introduce the resolution. The smaller towns are worried about their way of life. There is a lot of departments in the Capitol and Bismarck that maybe could be located elsewhere. With today's computer and technology things can be handled in the small towns, especially ones with hospitals. I think 2 or 4 years ago the

police academy, Devils Lake wanted it and we gave it to Bismarck. I think that was a mistake. I wish you would pass this.

Representative Klein, The area that your covering has been an area that is near and dear to my heart for a long time. No question the time has come. We just had a bill in IBL where they want to buy the building that workers comp. is in and the price is staggering.

Representative Klemin, Being from Bismarck, were you are proposing to turn all of our offices into empty buildings. What about the economic effects here?

Sveen, I am not talking about every little city in ND, just a few here and there.

Jim Heinrich, County Treasure/McIntosh of Ashley representing the ND County Treasures Association and we are in favor of this. We feel we could save the state some money and also provide a service to the rural areas of ND. Every county has a court house and the people available to do this work. Some of the rural areas have an aging population and it's tough for them to drive back and forth to do their business, this would really help them out. We would even be interested in doing this on a trial basis. Now the state pays up to 12 dollars/square foot to have some of these agencies farmed out across the state.

Dave Koland, ND Rural Water Association supports this study. This is very possible in the electronic age that we now live in. A million square feet of office space is being leased/rented in Bismarck by the state. No one is contemplating moving all this space to a rural area. Adding 5 people to the population of these 12 communities is equal to loosing 40 people in a large city. Many of these communities are loosing their infrastructure and their people.

Representative Klein, Closed the hearing on HCR 3011.

Committee Action:

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Representative Hawkin, Made a motion for a Do Pass.

Representative Fairfield, Seconded the motion.

Representative Klemin, The problem here would be very detrimental to the Bismarck area and disrupting peoples lives. People would have to travel many miles to these areas.

Representative Fairfield, It would be nice if somebody had to drive our direction once in awhile to do business. Peoples lives in the rural areas have been disrupted also, I know I live there.

Representative Metcalf, I don't know how this study will come out, but we all know government is expanding and why does it have to expand in Bismarck.

Motion Passes: Do Pass **14-1-0**.

Representative Fairfield, Is the carrier for this bill.

Date: 1-21

Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS Committee

- Subcommittee on _____
- or
- Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DP

Motion Made By HAWKEN Seconded By FAIRFIELD

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN KLEIN	✓		REP. WINRICH	✓	
VICE-CHAIR KLINISKE	—				
REP. BREKKE	—				
REP. CLEARY	—				
REP. DEVLIN	—				
REP. FAIRFIELD	—				
REP. GORDER	—				
REP. GRANDE	—				
REP. HAAS	—				
REP. HAWKEN	—				
REP. KLEMIN		✓			
REP. KROEBER	—				
REP. METCALF	—				
REP. THORESON	—				

Total (Yes) 14 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment FAIRFIELD

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 22, 1999 7:37 a.m.

Module No: HR-14-0996
Carrier: Fairfield
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3011: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Klein, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HCR 3011 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

1999 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HOUSE BILL 3011

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 5, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature			

Minutes:

SENATOR LEE: opens the hearing on HOUSE BILL 3011

JERRY STRAND: district 6, introduction of the bill and it's effects of rural ND, asking for smaller state agencies be moved to rural North Dakota

SENATOR LEE: any questions, local hardware store and effects that larger stores are having smaller stores

JERRY STRAND: things that hurt rural North Dakota when these agencies move out

SENATOR LEE: not a unique thing for just smaller communities but also when big business moves in and squeezes out the smaller ones

SENATOR KELSH: should we be moving the entire capital, association of counties could move the board.

JERRY STRAND: yes they could

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Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Bill/Resolution Number Hb3011

Hearing Date March 5, 1999

DAVE KOLAND: outward migration from rural ND and the loss of jobs in these small towns, jobs that can be done just as well in rural communities. Employees moving to smaller towns because of rural surroundings, support resolution

SENATOR LEE: any further comment on HB3011

MARK JOHNSON in favor of the resolution and hope that the study can be taken place

SENATOR LEE: any further questions

SENATOR KELSH: move for do pass

SENATOR WATNE: seconded do pass motion

DO PASS 4-0

SENATOR WATNE: TO CARRY

Date: 3-5-99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3011

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass

Motion Made By Kelsh Seconded By Watne

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Lee (Chairman)	/				
Senator Lyson (Vice-Chairman)	/				
Senator Flakoll					
Senator Watne	/				
Senator Kelsh	/				
Senator Nelson					

Total (Yes) 4 No 0

Absent Nelson, Flakoll (2)

Floor Assignment Watne

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 5, 1999 4:52 p.m.

Module No: SR-40-4137
Carrier: Watne
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3011: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3011 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.