

1999 HOUSE AGRICULTURE
HCR 3033

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3033

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-11-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
One HCR 3033	x		3 to 14
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Orlin Hansen</i>			

Minutes: Summary of House Concurrent Resolution 3033; Urges Congress to raise the cap on marketing loans available to farmers and to the cost of production adjustment mechanism.

Rep Solberg: Farmed all his life in Williams County

Rep Berg: What figure would you cap the marketing loan on wheat?

Rep Solberg: A little over the cost of production.

Rep Rennerfeldt: Are you in favor of the old time acreage control like in the past or do you let the big ones raise all the wheat they can with a high loan rate guaranteeing them a profit?

Rep Solberg: No there needs to be some kind of a cap on the bushels they can get this high loan rate on, say may be 25,000 bushels per farm.

Mark Sitz: ND FU Strong support for this resolution. Survey in farm magazine showed overwhelming support for raise on loan cap.

Rep Rennerfeldt: Do you want to go back to the old system of Govt. owns all the grain?

Mark Sitz: Doesn't think its realistic to go back to acreage control as in the past.

Rep Brusegaard: Doesn't higher loan rates with out acreage control lead to higher ending stocks and cheaper wheat.

Mark Stiz: Markets are run on supply and demand.

Rep Stefonowicz: Mr Chairman I move a do pass. Second by Rep Mueller.

Rep Berg: I think its going were in reverse to where we are intending to go. I don't think its consistent with the way agriculture is going now.

Rep Pollert: I have to concur with Rep Berg. This is an all encompassing resolution, not only does it include wheat, bly, etc but it includes all the oil seed crops too.

Chairman Nicholas called for a voice vote. All in favor say aye,, opposed say nay.

Ayes have it unanimous do pass and place on the consent calendar.

Date: 2-11-99
Roll Call Vote #:

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House AGRICULTURE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass - Consent

Motion Made By Stefanowicz Seconded By Mueller

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chaiman	✓		Bob Stefanowicz	✓	
Dennis E. Johnson, Vice Chm	✓				
Thomas T. Brusegaard		✓			
Earl Rennerfeldt	✓				
Chet Pollert		✓			
Dennis J. Renner	✓				
Michael D. Brandenburg	✓				
Gil Herbel	✓				
Rick Berg		✓			
Myron Koppang	✓				
John M. Warner	✓				
Rod Froelich					
Robert E. Nowatzki	✓				
Phillip Mueller	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 2

Absent Unanimous

Floor Assignment _____

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 12, 1999 10:02 a.m.

Module No: HR-29-2702
Carrier: Nicholas
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3033: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3033 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

1999 SENATE AGRICULTURE

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1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3033

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3/18/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		930-2025
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lucia Jorgusa</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Wanzek called the meeting to order, roll call was taken, all were present.

Senator Wanzek opened the hearing on HCR 3033.

Representative Solberg introduced the bill. Testimony enclosed.

Senator Klein: This will fall in line with the resolution we passed earlier.

Representative Stefonowicz spoke in support.

Senator Wanzek: Do you have an idea where the loan rate should be?

Representative Stefonowicz: About one dollar a bushel.

Senator Sand: Is that going to raise the prices in Canada?

Representative Stefonowicz: I think you are on to something very important.

Dennis Johnson from the ND Farmer's Union stood in support of the bill.

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Senate Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date 3/18/99

Senator Sand: Has your organization studied the relationship between a cap price and a direct payment and the consequence.

Dennis Johnson: I can't really answer that, I don't know.

Senator Wanzek: Seems that the wheat loan is too low in comparison to other loans, what point to you think the loan should be?

Dennis Johnson: Tying it to the cost of production would be a reasonable start I would think.

Senator Wanzek closed the hearing on HCR 3033.

Senator Klein made the motion for a Do Pass.

Senator Mathern seconded.

ROLL CALL: 7 Yes, 0 No

CARRIER: Senator Kroeplin

HCR 3033 was placed on the consent calendar.

Date: 3/18
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3033

Senate Agriculture Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass Consent

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Mathern

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek	✓				
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Sand	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				
Senator Kinnoin	✓				
Senator Kroeplin	✓				
Senator Mathern	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Senator Kroeplin

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 18, 1999 4:20 p.m.

Module No: SR-49-5143
Carrier: Kroeplin
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3033: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3033 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

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Testimony HCR 3033

Representative Dorvan Solberg
District 2 Burke, Divide, Williams

Chairman Wanzek and committee members. For the record I am Rep. Dorvan Solberg from District 2.

I am here this morning with a very necessary resolution HCR 3033 for the agricultural producer in North Dakota. We are presently receiving 50 year old prices for our grains and paying today's prices for production costs. This cannot continue if agriculture and family farms are to survive. The price of wheat in 1947 was \$3.50 a bushel. Today if you have 14 protein wheat you can get just under \$3.00 per bushel. If your wheat is low protein you may get as low as \$2.60 per bushel.

Committee members, this is not equity. When you sell grain for less than the cost of production, you are giving away a portion of your equity. Why shouldn't the agricultural producer get the same considerations as the rest of our society? Do we need to continue this cheap food policy?

Presently it appears that not only is the US depending on this cheap food policy, but our global economy is also depending on this same plan.

Please give this resolution HCR 3033 a unanimous do pass. I believe this is an appropriate and reasonable request.

Thank you Chairman Wanzek and committee members for your time this morning. I will stand for any questions.