

1999 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HCR 3046

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3046

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 8, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	13.4 - 18.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Susann Lindteigen</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. BOB STEFONOWICZ, District 2, testified this comes out of visit I had with one of the hospital administrators in the area. The hospital administrator pointed out some of their concerns in trying to keep open rural hospitals. I had a question on unfamiliar words such as tri-care which covers the military. The concern was how are the hospitals in the rural area being reimbursed from the providers for the services that they do offer at the hospital. One example is some of the laboratory tests have had a 50% drop in a very short time. This has a huge impact upon the operation of the rural hospital. There are many threats to keeping these hospitals open but any additional threat like that would have a negative impact upon rural hospitals.

OPPOSITION - None

Rep. WILLIAM DEVLIN moved DO PASS.

Rep. CAROL NIEMEIER second the motion.

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Rep. CAROL NIEMEIER discussed the concern and how big it is. The rural hospitals are very worried and fearful with the trends that are happening in the rural hospitals. The swing bed occupancy is way down. The census is way down. The hospital is kept afloat by outpatient services.

ROLL CALL VOTE #2: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent

CARRIER: Rep. BLAIR THORESON

Date: 2-8-99
 Roll Call Vote #: 2

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3046

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee on _____
 or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By William Devlin Seconded By Carol Niemeier

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Clara Sue Price - Chairwoman	X		Bruce A. Eckre	X	
Robin Weisz - Vice Chairman	X		Ralph Metcalf	X	
William R. Devlin	X		Carol A. Niemeier	X	
Pat Galvin	X		Wanda Rose	X	
Dale L. Henegar	X		Sally M. Sandvig	X	
Roxanne Jensen	X				
Amy N. Kliniske	X				
Chet Pollert	X				
Todd Porter	X				
Blair Thoreson	X				

Total Yes 15 No 0
 Absent 0

Floor Assignment Blair Thoreson

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 8, 1999 2:24 p.m.

Module No: HR-25-2198
Carrier: B. Thoreson
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3046: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3046 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR3046

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date MARCH 16,1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		4,661
3/17/99 2	X		1,185
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Barclay Kolodychuk</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing was opened on HCR3046.

REPRESENTATIVE STEFONOWICZ, sponsor, explained the bill. It is a resolution looking into the relationship of rural hospitals and insurers relating to what can keep these rural hospitals viable in our communities. We need to study the challenges to rural hospitals including the concerns relating to reimbursement. One of the primary concerns is what is happening to Medicare reimbursement. They have cut back services in Tioga and this is happening throughout the state. SENATOR DEMERS: Is this focused only on finances and reimbursement. Should we have a broader subject like the increase of the aging population, the need for rural hospitals to combine services. We need to be looking at regionalization. REP STEFONOWICZ answered that he has no problem with broadening it out. There is a need for some kind of assistance.

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MURRAY SAGSVEEN, State Health Officer, stated that the Health Council is going to visit with Legislative Council and maybe broader issues will result. SENATOR KILZER: If neither one of resolutions is accepted what will happen? MR. SAGSVEEN: The Health Council plans to move forward in any event.

MICHIM SAX, Watford City, ND, supports bill. The rural hospital at Watford City no longer provides obstetric services. The death of our hospital will probably be the death of our community, along with the death of our school. Declining enrollment, declining population, aging population, lack of resources, no employment are all issues of concern. We are struggling to stay alive.

The hearing was closed on HCR3046.

Discussion resumed on 3/17/99.

SENATOR LEE moved amendments 0101. SENATOR DEMERS seconded it. Roll call vote carried 6-0-0. SENATOR DEMERS moved DO PASS AS AMENDED. SENATOR KILZER seconded. Roll call vote carried 6-0-0. SENATOR FISCHER will carry.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3046

Page 1, line 1 remove "financial"

Page 1, line 1, replace "rural hospitals" with "the delivery of rural health care"

Page 1, line 3, after "services" insert " technological innovation² and possible regionalization of services"

Page 1, after line 9, insert:

WHEREAS, shifting populations may cause regionalization of provisions of hospital services; and

WHEREAS, technological innovations such as telemedicine will affect the delivery of rural health care; and

Page 1, line 20, remove "financial"

Page 1, line 21, after "services" insert "technological innovations, and possible regionalization of services"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 3/17/99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Senate HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
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 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Amendment

Motion Made By Sen Lu Seconded By Sen DeMers

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thane	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator DeMers	✓				
Senator Mutzenberger	✓				

Total 6 (yes) 0 (no)

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 3/17/99
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Senate HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE Committee

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Action Taken No Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Sen DeMers Seconded By Sen Kilzer

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thane	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator DeMers	✓				
Senator Mutzenberger	✓				

Total 6 (yes) 0 (no)

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen Fischer

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3046: Human Services Committee (Sen. Thane, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3046 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, remove "financial"

Page 1, line 2, replace "rural hospitals" with "the delivery of health care"

Page 1, line 3, after "services" insert ", technological innovation, and possible regionalization of services"

Page 1, line 4, replace "rural hospitals are" with "the delivery of health care is"

Page 1, after line 9, insert:

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WHEREAS, technological innovations such as telemedicine will affect the delivery of rural health care; and"

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Renumber accordingly