

1999 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

HCR 3063

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3063

House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 24, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0.8
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jamie Stein</i>			

Minutes:

REP. BELTER Opened the hearing.

REP. PHILIP MUELLER, DIST. 24, Introduced the resolution. This is a resolution which urges Congress to identify and institute new crop insurance programs which offer enhanced revenue and income protection to our farmers and ranchers here in the state of North Dakota. The resolution asks Congress, specifically, to add hay and grazable grasses to the mix of insured crops and to make all federally sponsored programs affordable and more accessible to our farmers and ranchers. The recent years of devastating crop losses have resulted in a severe economic downtrend for rural communities. The 95 Fair Act did some good things for production ag, but it did not address crop insurance as it promised it would. This resolution is a wakeup call to Congress to do what they promised they would do.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

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COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. NICHOLAS Made a motion for a DO PASS.

REP. WARNER Second the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

14 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

REP. WARNER Was given the floor assignment.

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Date 2-24-99

Roll call vote # 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3063

House HOUSE FINANCE & TAX Committee

Subcommittee on _____

Conference Committee

} Identify or check where appropriate

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Nicholas Seconded By Rep. Warner

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER	✓		WINRICH	✓	
RENNERFELDT	✓				
CLARK	✓				
FROELICH	A				
GRANDE	✓				
GROSZ	✓				
HERBEL	✓				
KROEBER	✓				
MICKELSON	✓				
NICHOLAS	✓				
RENNER	✓				
SCHMIDT	✓				
WARNER	✓				
WIKENHEISER	✓				

Total 14 0
(Yes) (No)

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Warner

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 24, 1999 1:00 p.m.

Module No: HR-33-3428
Carrier: Warner
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3063: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3063 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

1999 SENATE AGRICULTURE

HCR 3063

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3063

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3/25/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0-2750
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lucia Ferguson</i>			

Minutes:

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

Senator Wanzek opened the hearing on HCR 3063.

Representative Mueller introduced the bill. Testimony enclosed.

Senator Mathern: Was there a delegation doing something to address this?

Representative Mueller: I believe there have been some committees.

Senator Sand: Can we write it so people don't farm for insurance?

Representative Mueller: There are a few farmers who cheat on this thing.

Senator Urlacher: Isn't there already a time/date in the agreement where it has to be seeded by a certain time?

Representative Mueller: As far as I understand you are absolutely correct.

Senator Wanzek: Wasn't there a recent case where farmers got caught?

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Senate Agriculture Committee

Bill/Resolution Number Hcr 3063

Hearing Date 3/26/99

Representative Mueller: I think you're right.

Senator Sand: This should be a good bill for main street.

Representative Mueller: Any agriculture bill should be good for main street.

Senator Wanzek: Do you have any views on the current CRC Durum problem, will this distort it?

Representative Mueller: I think given the current economic climate in farming, yes it will distort it.

Mark Sitz from the ND Farmer's Union stood in support of the bill.

Senator Wanzek closed the hearing on HCR 3063.

Senator Klein made the motion for a Do Pass.

Senator Mathern seconded.

Discussion was held.

ROLL CALL: 7 Yes, 0 No

CARRIER: Senator Sand

Date: 3/25

Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HR 3063

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 Sand

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 25, 1999 11:57 a.m.

Module No: SR-54-5598
Carrier: Sand
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3063: 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 3063 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

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I'M PHIL MUELLER, REPRESENTATIVE FROM DISTRICT 24

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY
IN REGARD TO HCR 3063

HCR 3063 IS A RESOLUTION THAT URGES CONGRESS TO IDENTIFY
AND INSTITUTE NEW CROP INSURANCE PROGRAMS THAT OFFER
ENHANCED REVENUE AND INCOME PROTECTION FOR FARMERS AND
RANCHERS.

THE RESOLUTION ASKS CONGRESS SPECIFICALLY TO ADD HAY AND
GRAZABLE GRASSES TO THE MIX OF INSURED CROPS AND TO MAKE ALL
FEDERALLY SPONSORED CROP INSURANCE PROGRAMS AFFORDABLE AND
ACCESSIBLE TO THE FARMER AND RANCHER

RECENT YEARS OF DEVASTATING CROP LOSSES HAVE RESULTED IN
A SEVERE ECONOMIC DOWNTRUN FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND FARM-
RANCH FAMILIES. THE SHRINKING PROFIT MARGINS IN AG MAKE
CROP INSURANCE THE LAST TRUE SAFETY NET. BUT IT MUST BE
AFFORDABLE AND USEABLE IN MORE AREAS OF PRODUCTION AG.

THE '95 FAIR ACT DID SOME GOOD THINGS FOR PRODUCTION AG
BUT IT DID NOT ADDRESS CROP INSURANCE AS IT PROMISED IT
WOULD. THIS RESOLUTION IS A WAKE-UP CALL TO CONGRESS TO DO
WHAT THEY PROMISED TO DO.

QUESTIONS?