

1999 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SCR 4052

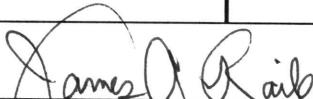
1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4052

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 25, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		3753-END
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: CHAIRMAN KREBSBACH opened the hearing of SCR 4052 which is a resolution directing the legislative council to study options for holding regular legislative sessions in even-numbered years. SENATOR VERN THOMPSON, district 12 appeared before the committee to speak about this resolution. He indicated that this proposed study was not the legislation he was hoping to get in. He did draft the session resolution as it was requested to be in the form of a study by some of the committee members. He had handed out to the committee a hog-house amendment to this. He indicated we had gotten to that timeline where we couldn't introduce any more and what the hog-house amendment will be and legislative council is drafting it and sending it down here is it deals with grain elevator industry. Those elevators across the state of North Dakota are the lifeline of many rural communities and there are some drastic changes taking place. SENATOR KREBSBACH indicated she had a question. She indicated to Senator Thompson that this is so drastically different, I wonder if this isn't something you

shouldn't introduce through delayed bills. This resolution came to this committee through the fact that your other bill failed. We didn't feel we had time to deal with it with redistricting and so on coming up. That was the intent for this resolution. SENATOR STENEHJEM indicated that no bill can be amended to change the general subject matter of the original bill. I know that that is rather broad. SENATOR THOMPSON indicated that he was told upstairs that since he was the sponsor he could maybe go ahead and do that. I know that probably isn't the most appropriate committee for this. I guess if that's the committee's desire, I'm on the delayed bills committee and I can probably do that with out a whole lot of problems. SENATOR KREBSBACH indicated she felt that the committee would feel more comfortable with that. In view of that would you like to speak toward SCR 4052? SENATOR THOMPSON stated that the reason this resolution was drafted was because there was some interest from this committee from members to look at studying the concept it proposes because there wasn't enough time to look at all the full implications. With the changing of reapportionment that will be taking place maybe it is best that it be looked at as a study. He indicated he didn't have a problem with that either. I would ask the committee to leave this as is and give it your favorable consideration. There were no questions from the committee. There was nothing further on this resolution so CHAIRMAN KREBSBACH closed the hearing on SCR 4052. At this time SENATOR MUTZENBERGER made a motion for DO PASS on SCR 4052, seconded by SENATOR WARDNER. Further discussion. SENATOR THANE indicated he was going to support the resolution. I just think we are going to be loaded down with an awful lot of study resolutions and decisions are going to be made by the resolution committee, I'm not even sure of how it is handled anymore. SENATORS KREBSBACH AND STENEHJEM, legislative council.

SENATOR THANE, so it might not be accepted by them but it certainly needs an opportunity to be accepted so I will support it. SENATOR KREBSBACH asked for any further discussion on the resolution. SENATOR KILZER asked if this has been studied before. Is there a history of studies? SENATOR STENEHJEM, the interim legislative management committee already has looked at this and they've talked about that and they have talked about something that I have voted for in the past and that's annual sessions which I really think is something preferable to switching the times and I assume that some time in the not too distant future North Dakota will find itself that we just can't afford to wait two years any more. That's why I don't know that I'm that excited about this particular resolution. Further comments were made by SENATORS THANE, STENEHJEM, and DEMERS. SENATOR DEMERS, I'm wondering if we can add annual sessions to this. The whereas' are all very broadly vague. I would think if you were going to study this you would also want to study annual sessions. You wouldn't want to look at one in isolation, you want to look at the options. The motion for Do Pass by Senator Mutzenberger was withdrawn and the second by Senator Wardner was withdrawn. SENATOR DEMERS indicated she would have amendments prepared. There was nothing further. The committee was adjourned.

February 26, 1999, Tape 1, Side A, Meter #'s 2980-3399: CHAIRMAN KREBSBACH indicated that we should look at annual sessions not only changing to the even numbered years. If this issue is going to be studied all aspects should be examined or studied. SENATOR DEMERS proposed amendments which are intended to do this. SENATOR DEMERS indicated the whereas's were all very general in what we needed to do and to add the reference to annual both in the introduction and in one of the resolves that is what this amendment does. SENATOR DEMERS

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moved the adoption of the amendment .0101, seconded by SENATOR STENEHJEM. ROLL

CALL VOTE indicated 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING. A motion for DO PASS

AS AMENDED was made by SENATOR MUTZENBERGER, seconded by SENATOR KILZER.

ROLL CALL VOTE indicated 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING. SENATOR

MUTZENBERGER volunteered to carry the bill.

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Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator DeMers
February 25, 1999

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4052

Page 1, line 2, after "sessions" insert "either annually or"

Page 1, line 16, remove the second "the" and replace "session" with "sessions either annually
or"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/26/99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Senate GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Adopt Amendments

Motion Made By Sen. Demers Seconded By Sen. Stenehjem

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
SENATOR KREBSBACH	✓				
SENATOR WARDNER	✓				
SENATOR KILZER	✓				
SENATOR STENEHJEM	✓				
SENATOR THANE	✓				
SENATOR DEMERS	✓				
SENATOR MUTZENBERGER	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 2/26/99
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Senate GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Sen. Mutzenberger Seconded By Sen. Kilzer

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
SENATOR KREBSBACH	✓				
SENATOR WARDNER	✓				
SENATOR KILZER	✓				
SENATOR STENEHJEM	✓				
SENATOR THANE	✓				
SENATOR DEMERS	✓				
SENATOR MUTZENBERGER	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Mutzenberger

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4052: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4052 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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