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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3056

House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 28, 2001

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Committee Clerk Signature *Jamie Stein*

Minutes:

REP. AL CARLSON, CHAIRMAN Opened the hearing.

TOM FREIER, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Testified in support of the resolution. Mr. Freier shared information leading up to this. He stated the federal highway does require a plan every so often. The last plan put into effect started in 1995 and was approved shortly after that, that is the plan we are functioning under right now. About a year ago, we started redoing that plan. We have completed one portion of it. The part that we are finished with is a study with the cities and counties. He stated he could submit copies of the plan if committee members were interested. The other part we are looking at is on the state level. It would change a little bit the way we look at our state roads and classifying them into five different levels. He stated they will be looking at all needs, not only state highway needs, but also, air, railroads, transit and various different components of transportation in the state. We want to come up with a shared vision of what our transportation system should look like. He

stated they would form a team and go out to cities and counties and have meetings and ask for input.

REP. DROVDAL When you state the state is already required to do a plan like this, is there really a need to continue on with this study?

TOM FREIER I believe we will be going down parallel paths and duplicating the efforts, it would be our intention that sometime we would share everything in our study with the legislative council and the legislature. Our timetable is to complete our study sometime this summer or late fall of 2002, and have a bill for the legislature.

JON MIELKE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

He stated he also served as the director of the commission's licensing division which deals with grain elevator licensing and the staff person that deals with railroad matters. He submitted written testimony from Steve Strege, see attached testimony. He submitted a map that is taken from a study done by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, see attached copy. It shows the shuttle train program of North Dakota. Shuttle train facilities are geared up to load between one hundred and one hundred and ten cars at one time, and have to be logged within fifteen hours. The estimates are that these facilities will handle between ten and fifteen million bushels of grain per year to be economically viable. Right now, we have nine of those facilities in the state, the map shows ten, one of them being in Kindred. I fully expect, over the next two to three years, we will probably see fifteen to twenty of those facilities in North Dakota. We could be handling between two hundred and three hundred million bushels of grain per year. This has huge implications for our rail and road systems. The patterns we see today will be shifting dramatically.

GARY NESS, DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS

COMMISSION, Testified in support of the resolution. He stated they have a study that is a continuous study regarding their infrastructure. In the midst of the final report of the pavement management study which takes in all of the asphalt across the state. The larger airports across the state are required to have an asphalt study done in about four years. We have just finished our economic impact statement, which will be published next month. We are also in the process of selecting a consultant to do our air service study, which looks at service patterns in the state, passenger patterns, where they are going, where they are coming from, pricing, etc. We will have an awful lot of what is in the study that is required, which will be available to the legislative council and the legislature.

RAYLYNN LAUDERDALE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE FIRST OF NORTH

DAKOTA, Testified in support of the resolution. See attached testimony.

REP. MERLE BOUCHER, DIST. 9, Prime sponsor of the resolution, testified in support of the resolution. This resolution is part of a package of four other resolutions which calls for a very important study of the overall infrastructure of North Dakota. One of the resolutions deals with water and water delivery systems, this one is the transportation, another one deals with the technology, one is education and medical delivery, infrastructure. We are a rural state, we produce raw commodities and energy and so consequently, in order to get those commodities to their market, and move the products we produce here in North Dakota, transportation infrastructure is a very critical and key component. I believe if any state is going to move ahead, a critical point is their infrastructure. This is not just confined to roads, I hope we would take a real indept look at the affect and impact of railroads and railroad transportation and also air and

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public transportation. I believe this should also include looking five, ten and fifteen years down the road. Where do we want the state of North Dakota to be five to twenty years down the road.

REP. WINRICH Made a motion for a **DO PASS**.

REP. BRANDENBURG Second the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

AND WILL BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

REP. WINRICH Was placed on the floor assignment.

Date: 2-28-01
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3056

House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

Subcommittee on _____
 or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number unanimous voice vote

Action Taken Do pass

Motion Made By Rep. Winrich Seconded By Rep. Brandenburg

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CARLSON, AL, CHAIRMAN			NICHOLAS, EUGENE		
DROVDAL, DAVID, V-CHAIR			RENNER, DENNIS		
BRANDENBURG, MICHAEL			RENNERFELDT, EARL		
CLARK, BYRON			SCHMIDT, ARLO		
GROSZ, MICHAEL			WIKENHEISER, RAY		
HERBEL, GIL			WINRICH, LONNY		
KELSH, SCOT					
KROEBER, JOE					
LLOYD, EDWARD					

*consent
 calendar*

Total (Yes) 15 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Winrich

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 28, 2001 1:16 p.m.

Module No: HR-34-4456
Carrier: Winrich
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3056: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Carlson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3056 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2001 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HCR 3056

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3056

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-16-01

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Suzette Schaefer</i>			

Minutes: **HCR 3056** is a concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the state of and future demands on the transportation infrastructure in this state.

Rep. Merle Boucher: (District 9; Supports) See attached testimony. There are four companion resolutions to go with this resolution all dealing with infrastructure. There is a package of 5 bills that deal with critical infrastructure: Water and water development, transportation, technology, education, and medical services. If we are going to reach and obtain our vision, we need to look at the support and capacity of infrastructure.

Senator Mutch: Another area to be considered is the transmission of electricity.

John Mielke: (Public Service Commission; Supports) Hands out Steve Strenge's testimony. The commission supports this. We are anxious to participate with whomever proceeds with those types of studies. There are some major trends going on with transportation. Transportation is vitally important to ND.

Connie Sprynezynatyk: (ND League of Cities; Supports) This is simply compatible with the study that has already been announced within the administration and we are happy to participate in that. I find it interesting that transportation is the number one considering relating to economic development in one form or another.

Mark Holzer: (ND Aeronautics Commission; Supports) See attached handout.

Shirley Rennon: (Minot; Supports) Hands out and reads Raylynn Lauderdale's testimony. See attached.

Senator O'Connell: What mode of transportation is available in Minot for you?

Shirley Rennon: Minot does not have a 24 hour service, but it does have a good transportation system. We run until 10:00 p.m.. I got down here to testify because I am lucky enough to be able to get up out of my wheelchair and take the bus. It's not convenient because of the time frame though. I had to come down yesterday to be able to testify this morning only because the bus to Minot leaves again at 12:30.

Hearing closed.

Senator O'Connell motions to Do Pass. Seconded by Senator Espegard. Roll call taken. 5-0-1.

Senator O'Connell is the floor carrier. (Placed on the consent calendar)

Date: 3/14
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3054

Senate Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number Do Pass

Action Taken _____

Motion Made By O'Connell Seconded By Espgaard

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Stenehjem, Chairman	X		Senator O'Connell	X	
Senator Trenbeath, Vice-Chair	X		Senator Bercler		
Senator Mutch	X				
Senator Espgaard	X				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment O'Connell

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 16, 2001 12:19 p.m.

Module No: SR-46-5824
Carrier: O'Connell
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3056: Transportation Committee (Sen. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3056 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

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