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2003 JOINT CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

HCR 3057

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3057

Senate Joint Constitutional Revision Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 02-27-03

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Committee Clerk Signature *Thomas A. Jankov*

Minutes:

SENATOR TOLLEFSON opened the hearing on HCR 3057.

REPRESENTATIVE KRETSCHMAR I am a Representative from District 28. One of the executive articles of a past Constitutional Convention was to make the Lieutenant Governor a full time state official and relieved of his duties of presiding over the state senate. Would like to see this resolution put on the ballot. This resolution was adopted by the 1995 legislative session. It was on the June 1996 primary and it received 45,000 yes votes and 63,000 no votes. It did not become law. I would hope we could put this on the ballot and let the people of our state decide. I believe that the Lieutenant Governor becoming a full time executive branch official, it would be better separation of power standpoint to have the senate presided over by one of its own members. Hopefully both houses will approve this.

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKEN Why, just because of the separation.

REPRESENTATIVE KRETSCHMAR That is basically the reason at this point in time.

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SENATOR TOLLEFSON What would the Lieutenant Governor do.

REPRESENTATIVE KRETSCHMAR Under the present constitution, is an officer of the Governor. He tells the Lieutenant Governor what to do.

SENATOR KREBSBACH Could you address Section 3, the repeal. What does that mean.

REPRESENTATIVE KRETSCHMAR Without looking it up, I can't address it.

SENATOR MATHERN I am a State Senator from District 11, and am a cosponsor of this resolution. The Senate is presently acting in this regard, and I think it is going to increase. There is expertise in the Senate that can address the duties of the presiding officer. The Lieutenant Governor does the duties that are important for the state and I think those duties need to be addressed when the senate is in session. I support the separation of power, and I also believe that there is a practical value to this in the interest of this state.

Hearing on HCR 3057 was closed.

Representative Maragos, moved a DO PASS. Seconded by Representative Winrich.

SENATOR KREBSBACH I am not going to support this motion. I feel the Lieutenant Governor is just fine in his position. You must remember that each house district has 2 members, and the senate just has 1 member. I can see it becoming a full time position in the senate just as it is in the house.

REPRESENTATIVE KRETSCHMAR Does your president pro tem serve on committees.

SENATOR KREBSBACH Yes they have. This Lieutenant Governor is a lot busier than the past ones. The president pro tem gets to vote.

SENATOR MUTCH I don't know what the problem is, it has worked out beautifully. I really don't see a need for a change.

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REPRESENTATIVE MARAGOS Has there ever been a problem if the Lieutenant Governor is of the opposite party and not of the majority of the senate.

SENATOR MUTCH I don't know of anything.

Roll Call Vote: 5 YES. 4 NO. 1 Absent.

Carrier: (Senate) Senator Nichols (House) Representative Kretschmar

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Date: 2/27/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House Joint Constitutional Revision Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number HCR 3057

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Maragos Seconded By Rep. Winrich

Representatives	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Rep. Kretschmar, Co-Chair	✓		Sen. Tollefson, Co-Chair		✓
Rep. Maragos	✓		Sen. Mutch		✓
Rep. Hawkin		✓	Sen. Kresbach		✓
Rep. Eckre	Absent		Sen. Nichols	✓	
Rep. Winrich	✓		Sen. Seymour	✓	

Total (Yes) 5 No 4

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Kretschmar (House) Sen. Nichols (Senate)

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 28, 2003 8:55 a.m.

Module No: HR-36-3637
Carrier: Kretschmar
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3057: Joint Constitutional Revision Committee (Rep. Kretschmar, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HCR 3057 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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