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# 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HCR 3035

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: February 8, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3131

Committee Clerk Signature

*Morgan Powell*

Minutes:

**Rick Collin:** Testimony Attached.

**Sen. O'Connell:** Testimony Attached.

**Rep. Boucher:** I think little do we sometimes that a great impact in the importance of Abraham Lincoln and his administration had on the state of ND such as the Homestead Act and the Moral Act and of course his appointment of the first two governors of the Dakota Territory. He did certainly have a great impact on what took place here in our state and it is very instrumental in laying the groundwork for what was to take place in this great state. I would also like to add that any man that can give an address that lasts less than four minutes, we should follow his example because what he did was the Gettysburg Address is worthy of our respect.

**Rep. Kasper:** Rick, your budgeting is going through the appropriations? You're not here for budget just the resolution?

**Rick Collin:** Correct, there is no fiscal note to this.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there any other testimony on HCR 3035? If not we will close the hearing.

# 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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*Morgan Bennett*

Minutes:

**Rep. Froseth:** I move a do pass.

**Rep. Dahl:** I second that.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there any more discussion? If not we will take a roll call vote on HCR 3035. The do pass motion on HCR 3035 passes with a vote of 13-0-0. Is there a volunteer to take this to the floor?

**Rep. Wolf:** I will.

Date: 2-8-07  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Click here to type Bill/Resolution No."

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HCR 3035

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep Froseth Seconded By Rep. Dahl

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C. B Haas Chairman	X		Rep. Bill Amerman	X	
Rep. Bette Grande VC	X		Rep. Louise Potter	X	
Rep. Randy Boehning	X		Rep. Jasper Schneider	X	
Rep. Stacey Dahl	X		Rep. Lisa Wolf	X	
Rep. Glen Froseth	X				
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Jim Kasper	X				
Rep. Lisa Meier	X				
Rep. Dave Weiler	X				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Wolf

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3035: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (13 YEAS,  
0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3035 was placed on the Tenth order  
on the calendar.

2007 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3035

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3035

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: 03/09/07

Recorder Job Number: 4794, 4795

Committee Clerk Signature

*Monica Spaulding*

Minutes:

All members of the committee were present.

Senator Dever, Chairman, opened the hearing on HCR 3035.

Senator David P. O'Connell introduced the bill. See attachment # 1.

Rick Collin, Communications Director for the State Historical Society, spoke in favor of the resolution. See attachments #2, #3, #4 and #5.

Senator Oehlke asked why the committee didn't jump on the 1 cent sales tax that they tried to get through as a possible way to fund this.

Rick said they didn't even consider it.

Senator Nelson asked why cooperative efforts with Fort Abraham Lincoln are not even mentioned in the proposal.

Rick said he has spoken to Senator Potter and mentioned that this discussion is just beginning. He is also encouraging other entities in the states to get involved.

Senator Nelson said the Peace Gardens would be another group to involve because of the efforts toward peace made by President Lincoln.

Rick said that was an excellent suggestion.



Rick received a letter from a grandson of one of Lincoln's body guards, Smith Stimmel. Mr Stimmel had published a book of his memoirs in 1928. See attachment # 5. Mr. Stimmel is buried in Fargo.

Support: -

Opposition: -

Neutral: -

Chairman Dever closed the hearing on HCR 3035.

JOB # 4795

A do pass motion was made by Senator Lee.

The motion was seconded by Senator Nelson.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Absent 0

Carrier: - Horne

Date : 3-9-07  
Roll Call Vote # : 1

**2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3035**

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken do pass.

Motion Made By Lee Seconded By Nelson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Dick Dever - Chairman	✓		Senator Robert Horne	✓	
Senator Dave Oehlke - VC	✓		Senator Richard Marcellais	✓	
Senator Judy Lee	✓		Senator Carolyn Nelson	✓	

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Horne

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 9, 2007 12:08 p.m.

**Module No: SR-45-4867**  
**Carrier: Horne**  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3035: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HCR 3035 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HCR 3035

HCR 3035  
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee  
February 8, 2007

Testimony by Rick Collin, Communications Director  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
and State Liaison to National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

Introduction

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Rick Collin and I am the Communications Director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. I am here today in my role as Governor Hoeven's designated representative for North Dakota on the Governors' Council of the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Next Monday, February 12, will mark the 198<sup>th</sup> birthday of our 16<sup>th</sup> President. The national bicentennial commission has been in place since 2000, established and charged by Congress to plan a fitting and proper observance of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of our greatest presidents. From prairie lawyer to the Presidency, Lincoln's life story represents many of the best qualities of the American character which can be celebrated during the bicentennial of his birth. These include the courage, compassion, integrity and wisdom he demonstrated during one of the most turbulent and violent periods in our history, the Civil War.

With the bicentennial observance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition recently concluded, the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth provides an additional component to North Dakota's increasingly important emphasis on cultural heritage tourism. While Lincoln never set foot in North Dakota – what was then part of Dakota Territory – his connections to our state are many and significant. Several of them are listed in HCR 3035, and include his signing of the Homestead Act in 1862, which had a major impact in opening up the settlement of the Northern Plains, including present-day North Dakota; appointing the first two governors of Dakota Territory; signing the charter for the Northern Pacific Railroad, whose construction through present-day North Dakota led to the settlement of many towns and cities; and signing the Morrill Land Grant College Act of 1862, which led to the establishment of what is now North Dakota State University.

These connections and others provide us with many opportunities. As outlined in HCR 3035, the state's commemoration of the Lincoln Bicentennial would be in conjunction with the official national commemoration dates, which begin on February 12, 2008 with an event at his birthplace in Kentucky, and continue through February 12, 2010. Part of the resolution calls for a legislative committee to be appointed to plan an appropriate program to mark the actual 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday, February 12, 2009, to take place that day during the 2009 Legislative Assembly. Senator Tony Grindberg of Fargo has graciously agreed to chair that committee, with

the other members still to be appointed. Our hope is to have a House Democrat, a House Republican and a Senate Democrat join him on that committee, which I and others will work with in planning that day's event.

When the opportunity for appointing a state liaison to the national commission came up in late 2005, the Governor's Office approached the State Historical Society for help in filling the position. I was honored to accept the Governor's appointment, and see my role as state liaison to work as a contact and coordinator with agencies, organizations and individuals statewide to help plan appropriate events and programs for the Lincoln Bicentennial in our state.

### Project Overview

Much planning for the bicentennial in our state has already taken place, as you can see in the Working Plan I have shared with you this morning.

The State Historical Society has been working with several other agencies and organizations in that planning. The Governor included \$50,000 in his Executive Budget for the State Historical Society as 'seed money' for programs and projects. That funding includes developing a traveling exhibit about Lincoln and North Dakota/Dakota Territory, with two copies of this exhibit produced for maximum circulation statewide, along with free handouts; developing curriculum, including web-based, for grades K-12, useable for teachers, students and other groups and individuals that would examine Lincoln and his impact on our state; an exhibit produced by the State Historical Society that would open at the North Dakota Heritage Center in February 2008 in conjunction with the official launch of the national bicentennial, exploring the impact of the Homestead Act and the coming of the railroad on our state; and working with the North Dakota Humanities Council, the North Dakota Council on the Arts and others to bring a Chautauqua living history program based on Lincoln-related characters to the public and school groups throughout the state.

Prairie Public Broadcasting is also working with the State Historical Society, the State Humanities Council and others to produce an hour-long program on the Homestead Act in North Dakota. This program will premier in the fall of 2008, a few months prior to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Many other programs and events are also being considered. As the state's liaison for the Lincoln Bicentennial, I have been encouraging North Dakotans to plan their own events as well, in addition to the ones that we have already begun to plan.

### Conclusion

I hope you will support HCR 3035 as a way of demonstrating your support for our state's participation in the national commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of one of our nation's greatest leaders.

I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

# HCR 3035 Summary

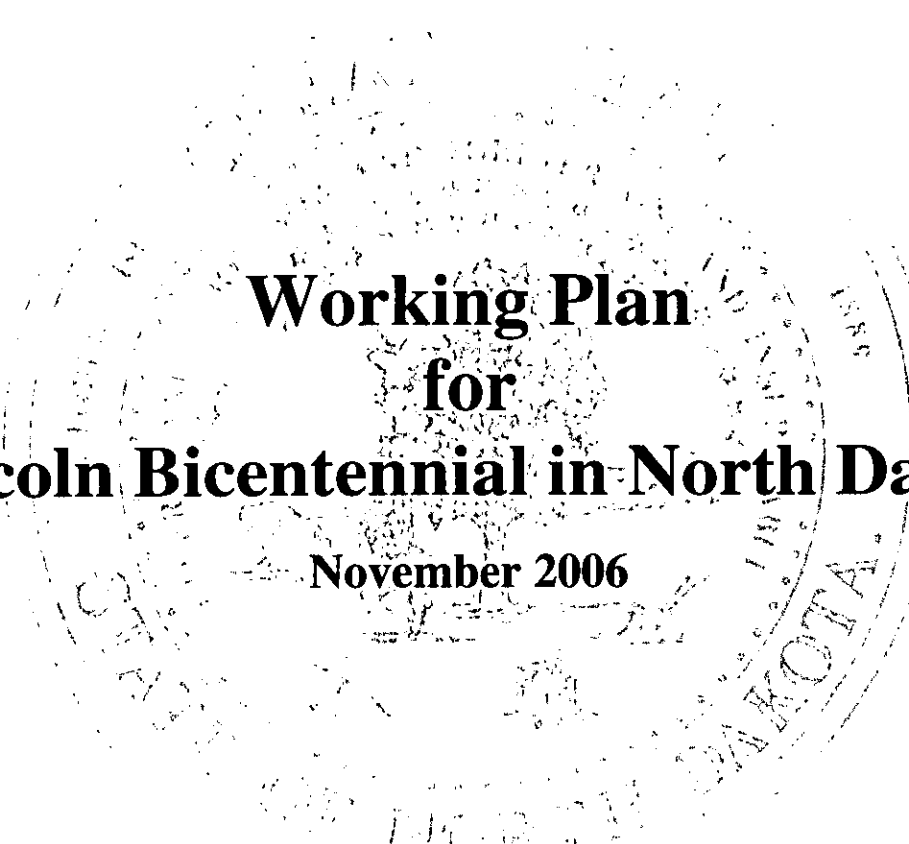
Senator David P. O'Connell

This resolution honors the bicentennial of President Abraham Lincoln's birth and recognizes February 12, 2008 – February 12, 2010 as the official dates in which to observe President Lincoln's birth.

The bill's conception stems from State Historical Society of North Dakota.

## Lincoln's ties to North Dakota

- Lincoln appointed the first two governors of Dakota Territory, and signed the homestead act, which had a major impact in opening up settlement of the Northern Plains, including what is now North Dakota.
- Forts Named in Lincoln's honor.
- Signed charter for the Northern Pacific Railroad



**Working Plan  
for  
Lincoln Bicentennial in North Dakota  
November 2006**





