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2007 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SCR 4019

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SCR 4019

Senate Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date: 2-05-07

Recorder Job Number: 2778

Committee Clerk Signature

*Mary K Monson*

Minutes:

Senator J. Lee, Chairman, opened the hearing on SCR 4019 urging Congress to reauthorize the state children's health insurance program.

Senator Dever (District 32) introduced SCR 4019. He said SCHIP is an important program in ND that provides insurance for children who otherwise would not have insurance. This resolution, as he understands it, is being introduced in every state to encourage Congress to reauthorize the program.

Joel Gilbertson (Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America) testified in support of SCR 4019. (Testimony attached.)

Kayla Pulvermacher (ND Farmers Union) testified in support of SCR 4019. ND Farmers Union believes in affordable, comprehensive health care for all citizens. NDFU urges the reauthorization of the Children's Health Care Insurance program and further urges the state to fully utilize these federal dollars.

There was no opposing or neutral testimony.

The hearing on SCR 4019 was closed.

Senator Warner moved a Do Pass on SCR 4019. Seconded by Senator Erbele.

Roll call vote 6-0-0. Passed. Carrier is Senator Dever.

Date: 2-5-07

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4019

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen. Warner Seconded By Sen. Erbele

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman	✓		Senator Joan Heckaman	✓	
Senator Robert Erbele, V. Chair	✓		Senator Jim Pomeroy	✓	
Senator Dick Dever	✓		Senator John M. Warner	✓	

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Dever

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 5, 2007 1:09 p.m.

Module No: SR-24-2135  
Carrier: Dever  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4019: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4019 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SCR 4019

## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SCR 4019

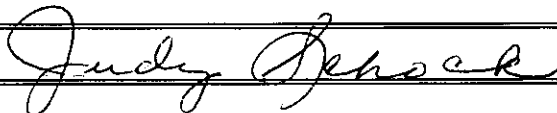
House Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date: March 19, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 5263 & 5267

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

**Chairman Price:** We will open the hearing on SCR 4019.

**Senator Dick Dever, District 52 Bismarck:** This bill is familiar to the committee, the State children's health insurance program, which was enacted by congress 10 years ago as a 10 year program. The resolution is too simply to ask the Governor and Congress to work to get it reauthorized so the program can continue. It makes a big difference in lives of many young people. It provides insurance when other wise they would not have insurance.

**Joel Gilbertson, behalf of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America:** See attached testimony.

**Chairman Price:** Anyone else to testify in favor or opposition? If not we will close the hearing on SCR 4019.

**Chairman Price:** Committee take out SCR 4019 for us to discuss and act on.

**Representative Porter** I move a do pass place on consent calendar, second by

**Representative Uglem.** The vote was unanimous with 11 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**Representative Uglem** will carry the bill to the floor.

Date: 3/19  
Roll Call Vote #:

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

House HUMAN SERVICES SCR 4019 Committee

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

Action Taken As per Consent Calendar

Motion Made By Rep. Porta Seconded By Rep. Uglen

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Clara Sue Price - Chairman			Kari L Conrad		
Vonnie Pietsch - Vice Chairman			Lee Kaldor		
Chuck Damschen			Louise Potter		
Patrick R. Hatlestad			Jasper Schneider		
Curt Hofstad					
Todd Porter					
Gerry Uglen					
Robin Weisz					

Total (Yes) 12 "Click here to type Yes Vote" No 8 "Click here to type No Vote"

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Uglen

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



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4019: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4019 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.**

2007 TESTIMONY

SCR 4019

## *Testimony in Support of SCR No. 4019*

*Joel Gilbertson  
On behalf of PhRMA*

Chairman Price, members of the Committee, I am Joel Gilbertson and I appear this morning on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4019.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) was established by the Federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997. It created a new Title XXI of the Social Security Act and allowed states to cover low-income children without health insurance in families with incomes that exceeded levels of what qualified a child for Medicaid coverage. Combined with Medicaid, SCHIP has provided a safety net for low-income children and helped to significantly reduce the number of children without health insurance in the United States.

When the program was established in 1997, \$40 billion in federal dollars were allocated over 10 years for SCHIP. Currently, an annual expenditure of around \$7 billion (combined state and federal funds) is made on behalf of SCHIP. About 4 million children are covered at any one moment by SCHIP and about 6 million over the course of any one year. These children are targeted low-income children who are uninsured and ineligible for Medicaid under federal rules.

As of September 1, 2007, SCHIP will need to be reauthorized by the federal government in order for the program to continue operating and serving millions of children. The program was designed to sunset after ten years in August of 2007. While initially intended to serve as a temporary measure to help children, the programs have been resoundingly successful in the states. To address the issue of reauthorization, it will take the cooperation and active participation of all stakeholders including labor, the business community, healthcare leaders, and government to both reauthorize the program and shore up its funding for the coming years. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 5 US territories have SCHIP programs in operation today.

The North Dakota program is called Healthy Steps. It has been successful and we would like it to continue to have a federal funding partner. We urge a unanimous Do Pass recommendation from this Committee and subsequent approval by the Senate.