

2009 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SCR 4034

## 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No.4034

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 04/03/09

Recorder Job Number: 11710

Committee Clerk Signature

*Katie Oliver*

Minutes:

Chairman Dever opened the public hearing on SCR4034. Senator Bob Stenehjem was there to introduce the bill.

**Bob Stenehjem:** State Senator from District 33 in Bismarck. The idea came when someone brought this forth the day before the bill deadline. There are a few people that would like to testify after I get done. As you all know there was a state quarter program, now when they are done they are going to do state park quarters. This resolution would be asking to add a Theodore Roosevelt.

**Larry Schneider:** President of the Capital City Coin Club. We are in support of this resolution, from 1999-2008 there were 50 state quarters issued to commemorate each state individually. It was one of the most successful programs that the mint had ever created. We are pleased with that; I am the owner of the Bismarck Gold and Silver exchange. The program became so successful in 2009 the mint extended the program to DC and 5 territories of the United States. Now, again the program was so successful, the mint wants to continue the quarter program. They want to depict from the 56 entities from the 56 areas. This program will go on for 11 years, with about 5 new quarters being issued per year. The receipts from this program will be \$700,085,000 over the 11 year program. What surprised me is on January 27 of this year there

was a citizen coinage committee and they advised to change the portrait of George Washington on the obverse side of the quarter to put Teddy Roosevelt on it. We thought it was a dramatic thing and would give recognition and we think that it is long overdue. He is considered to be the father of the national parks refuge system in America. In 2003 the US Mint issued a commemorative coin commemorate Teddy Roosevelt. Because of this program we think it would be beneficial to have Roosevelt on the coin. North Dakota had a quarter in 2006 the design was the buffalo, that quarter was the most popular in 2006-2008 and the state 665 mill was collected through the country. Minnesota which had the loon had 488 million. We think that our country is ready for that western theme. We were instrumental in helping the governor to choose the buffalo on the 2006 design. Again I am here in favor of the resolution.

**Senator Horne:** In the next 11 years, up to 5 a year for national parks? Each state gets one quarter for its national park?

**Larry Schneider:** Yes, if they have a national park they will use national sight if no park.

**Senator Dever:** Replacing George Washington with Roosevelt?

**Larry Schneider:** When talking about the obverse side, replace Washington with Roosevelt, for 11 years, after that they can go back.

**Senator Cook:** North Dakota led all 50 states in the sale of that quarter. Or just the states that were issued that year?

**Larry Schneider:** In that year 2006 North Dakota was a leader in coin sales. I could not believe that a state of 700,000 that we had that many. I couldn't impress upon you how many people will come to our state to see our park if this happens.

**Senator Cook:** I thought it was 2007 that the coin was released?

**Larry Schneider:** No, it was 2006 for the North Dakota State quarter. I have been in the coin business for 30 years and we had a meeting with the US Mint officials the night before the

kickoff and I told them that there may be 1,000's of people at this event. People waited in line for hours to buy them. I was amazed how the North Dakota people showed up for that event.

**Senator Cook:** The National Governing Board to Streamline Sales Tax had their annual meeting in Bismarck in 2006 and the day that the governor revealed the quarter at the Civic Center was the day that we had the meeting in the Senate chambers. Just before the governor left to go to the Civic Center, he came up to give a 5 minuet welcoming speech. As he ended he gave me enough rolls to give one to every person that was here. Later on when we adjourned the meeting and we handed them out, I have never seen people so excited.

**Senator Dever:** They all went home and told their friends.

Senator Cook: Not only that, they considered that they got it from the governor.

At this time Larry Schneider showed the committee some of the various coins that he had collected over the years.

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**Senator Horne:** Teddy to replace George for 11 years, is that correct?

**Larry Schneider:** Yes, that is correct. They would have a brand new obverse, the front side, which Washington is now on, that would be replaced by an image of Teddy Roosevelt. And the national park would be on the back side.

**Senator Horne:** There was a news article a few weeks ago and they brought in gold coins to buy groceries and the store wouldn't take them. So they went to the bank and traded them in and the teller gave them a small amount of money and they were worth a lot more than that.

**Larry Schneider:** We are under and obligation to the public to tell the truth. I have had opportunity to steal from the public. They bring in things and see what things are. We tell them what things are worth and what we will pay for it. She told me to throw it and it was worth \$1,000's. The public was misinformed and they could collect them but not horde them.

Consequently, in our state, there is a great desire to hide coins in our basement. Once there was a painted paint can that had 200 ounces of gold in it. Nobody knew that their uncle was even a gold collector. North Dakota people are trusting people, if you lose that confidence you are SOL.

**Kelvin Hullet:** President of Bismarck/Mandan Chamber of Commerce. We support this. We look it as a standpoint to help North Dakota. Teddy on front they could do great things with their idea.

There was no further discussion and Chairman Dever closed the public hearing SCR4034.

Senator Horne made a motion for a do pass with a second by Senator Cook. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5-0 with Senator Horne carrying the bill to the floor.



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
April 3, 2009 3:54 p.m.

**Module No: SR-57-6180**  
**Carrier: Horne**  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4034: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
SCR 4034 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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## 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. Senate Concurrent Resolution 4034

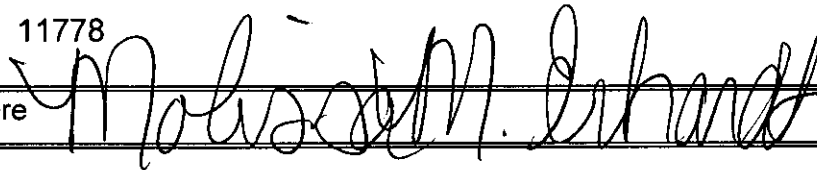
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 4/8/2009

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Minutes:

**ROLL CALL. ALL PRESENT, EXCEPT CHAIRMAN GRANDE AND REP. FROSETH.**

**Vice Chairman Randy Boehning:** Open the hearing on SCR 4034.

**Senator Bob Stenehjem, District 30, Bismarck:** I am surprised that the people that testified in support of this on the Senate side are not here today for whatever reason, I don't know if they didn't get the notice because of the delayed bill, sometimes that stuff gets lost a little bit so I will do the best that I can. This idea of a Theodore Roosevelt picture likeness on the quarter and remember when we all had the State quarters and the fifty states, the five at a time came out and one side they had whatever the States decided to put on it and then on the other side they had George Washington's picture. After those are done and the fifty states are done the treasury decided that what they are going to come out with a US National Park quarter and obviously we only have one National Park in ND and that is Theodore Roosevelt National Park. So what this resolution would do

would be too ask the US Treasury to put the likeness of Theodore Roosevelt on that coin. It doesn't cost the State anything to do that. I am going to speak for the coin dealers who are really interested in this, the Chamber of Commerce is interested in the passage of this, the people work in the City of Medora and activities in Medora would like to see this thing pass, and here is an opportunity for us in ND to really put out on a coin the things that we have to represent in ND and if they do put Theodore Roosevelt's likeness on that quarter it is free advertising for the State of ND. It is a program that we can do that actually doesn't cost us any money to do it and it will be there for a very long time. With that I would certainly try to answer any questions you might have.

**Rep. Dahl:** Who comprises the Citizen Queenage Advisory Committee? Do you know who that is?

**Sen. Stenehjem:** I do not have a clue. I apologize for these other people who are not here. I am sure glad that I came down here but if you really want to know I can find out for you.

**Rep. Wolf:** Are they only going to do one coin with a likeness of somebody to represent all the National Parks or are they going to do a coin per park? Do you know any of those details?

**Sen. Stenejhem:** My understanding is that they are going to do another one I think for each State. This is not the only coin that is going to come out. Other States will have theirs. But this is the only National Park that we have in ND.

**Rep. Kasper:** Do you know will these coins, with President Roosevelt, be in general circulation or will they be limited to the quarter dollar series for the National Parks?

**Sen. Stenejhem:** It would be my understanding that it will be a general circulation coin and it would not be just a collector's coin. We have them in our pockets like we do the rest of the State coins. I don't know how many they can do until we get so many different quarters but anything that can help and it doesn't cost us money.

**Rep. Kasper:** Do you know if any other States have passed a resolution like this or are we the first and only to your knowledge?

**Sen. Stenejhem:** To my knowledge we are the first and only ones to go after this. It is a new idea and they haven't even started it yet.

**Rep. Winrich:** I was trying to think of why someone might object to this and the only thing that crossed my mind was that I think this is the only coin that would be in circulation with images of two Presidents, one on each side. Do you have any thoughts about that?

**Sen. Stenehjem:** You know I never have really thought about that and I would suspect if you thought back and looked into some of these State quarters that are out there, there sure maybe two Presidents on one coin and there maybe one. I can't picture every quarter of the fifty States that are out there or any other of the coins that they have ever done. I guess it is possible, I don't know that it would be unprecedented. Actually, I don't know what would be wrong with it either.

**Rep. Nathe:** Is there a start date for all this?

**Sen. Stenehjem:** I don't know when the start date is on this. But it is coming down the pike as soon as they get done with all the State quarters first. But I don't know what the start date on it is, it does not say so in the resolution. Here again, I am getting stuck on the carpet. As you can see it is a delayed bill, it came to me and the coin dealers asked for it after the deadline, like the day after. I said well I will look at it and I will think about it and I am not going to have a delayed bill committee just for this bill but I would suspect something else is going to come along and obviously we had a flood and somebody on your side seen 2444 and in fact you guys had voted on it and so I brought it in at the same time as long as we had a meeting going so that is why you see it at this late a time.

**Vice Chairman Randy Boehning:** Any further questions?

**Sen. Stenehjem:** If there is anything anyone really wants to know, let me know and I will find the answer.

**Vice Chairman Randy Boehning:** Any other discussion on the Concurrent Resolution?

**Rep. Kasper:** Move for a Do Pass motion.

**Rep. Meier:** 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Vice Chairman Randy Boehning:** Clerk will call the roll.

**Clerk Erhardt:** Roll Call: Yes: 11. No: 0. Absent: 2. Carrier: Rep. Meier. Put on the consent calendar.

Date: 4/8/19

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4034-SJR

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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

Action Taken  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended

Motion Made By Kasper Seconded By Meier

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Grande	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Amerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chairman Boehning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Conklin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Dahl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Schneider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Froseth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Winrich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Karls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Wolf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Kasper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Rep. Meier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Rep. Nathe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Total (Yes) 11 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment REP. MEIER

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

Consent Calendar

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4034: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Grande, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (11 YEAS,  
0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4034 was placed on the Tenth order  
on the calendar.