

2011 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SCR 4016

# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee  
Red River Room, State Capitol

SCR 4016  
2-14-2011  
Job Number 14484

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Expressing support for the public awareness of multiple sclerosis; declaring the week of March 14-20, 2011, "MS Awareness Week".

## Minutes:

**Senator Judy Lee** opened the hearing on SCR 4016.

**Sen. Carolyn Nelson**, District 21, introduced SCR 4016. This resolution simply asks that we declare the week of March 14-20, 2011 as MS Awareness Week.

Most of the time the disease is found in people ages 20-50 but there are a number of children who also get it. It is not normally considered to be a terminal illness but there are those who have died from complications. It is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system and attacks the spinal column, the brain, and the optic nerves.

Last year ND raised more than \$700,000 in attempts to find cures. There is a lot of research that is going on and in one case they are even doing some combined research with Parkinson's disease.

**Senator Tim Mathern** asked if this could be seen as a yearly event. In terms of the date, should it be a date for next year.

**Sen. Carolyn Nelson** thought it might be a date set by the National Association. It might not coincide exactly.

**Senator Judy Lee** offered that by having it come up every year brings a continuing awareness.

There was no further testimony.

**Senator Tim Mathern** moved a **Do Pass**.

Seconded by **Senator Dick Dever**.

Roll call vote 5-0-0. **Motion carried.** Carrier is **Senator Tim Mathern**.

Date: 2-14-2011

Roll Call Vote # \_\_\_\_\_

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4016

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Sen. Mathern Seconded By Sen. Dever

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Judy Lee, Chairman	✓		Sen. Tim Mathern	✓	
Sen. Dick Dever	✓				
Sen. Gerald Uglem, V. Chair	✓				
Sen. Spencer Berry	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Mathern

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4016: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4016 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2011 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES**

SCR 4016

# 2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Human Services Committee  
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SCR 4016  
March 15, 2011  
Job #15456

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature *Vicky Cratree*

**Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:**

A concurrent resolution expressing support for the public awareness of multiple sclerosis.

**Minutes:**

No Testimony

**Chairman Weisz:** Opened the hearing on SCR 4016.

**Sen. Carolyn Nelson:** From District 21 Fargo sponsored and introduced the bill. I'm here to ask you to celebrate MS awareness week which started yesterday. I believe there is a luncheon tomorrow so you can meet some of the people involved with MS awareness. This is something we do every other year. We declare basically the second week of March to be MS awareness month. MS happens to have a higher prevalence the further you get away from the equator. In our part of the country there are quite a few people who have MS. It tends to be a later on set than some of the other diseases. We have run into a number of people who in the 20's and early 30's come down with the symptoms and then diagnosed. We raise a lot of money in ND for help in finding a cure. Last year it was close to \$700,000. These investments have worked out very well. One of the representatives of the pharmaceutical industry and said, you know we have this new drug and it is quite a change for many of the people who have MS that have to take injections. They get to the point where they just give up and they don't want to take those injections anymore. We have come up with a gel pill that is finding great acceptance and we are encouraged by how affective it is. That is what we are trying to do. Trying to make the awareness of MS and raise money to help with research and hopefully we will be able to find some way to create a world free of multiple sclerosis. There are new drugs being developed and many people who volunteer for this particularly agency. All this is asking you to do is to declare this week to be MS awareness week. I ask for your consideration and acceptance to this resolution.

**NO OPPOSITION**

**Chairman Weisz:** Closed the hearing on SCR 4016.

**Chairman Weisz:** Recognized Rep. Devlin.

**Rep. Devlin:** I move a Do Pass on place on the 14<sup>th</sup> order.

**Rep. Porter:** Second.

**VOTE:** 12 y 0 n 1 absent – Rep. Louser

**Bill Carrier:** Rep. Holman

Date: 3-15-11  
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4016

House HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Devlin Seconded By Rep. Porter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN WEISZ	✓	✓	REP. CONKLIN	✓	✓
VICE-CHAIR PIETSCH	✓	✓	REP. HOLMAN	✓	✓
REP. ANDERSON	✓	✓	REP. KILICHOWSKI	✓	
REP. DAMSCHEN	✓	✓			
REP. DEVLIN	✓	✓			
REP. HOFSTAD	✓	✓			
REP. LOUSER	A	✓			
REP. PAUR	✓	✓			
REP. PORTER	✓	✓			
REP. SCHMIDT	✓	✓			

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Holman

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

Placed on 14th order



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4016: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS**  
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4016 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.