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2001 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SCR 4014

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4014

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 13, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
3	X		4.8
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Paul Kolodziejchuk</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing was opened on SCR 4014.

SENATOR KRAUTER introduced the resolution. SENATOR LEE asked if this would include open adoption records. SENATOR KRAUTER answered that this deals with only adoption.

SENATOR LEE: Is there any reciprocity among states? SENATOR KRAUTER: Not any known, but we want to make it compatible. SENATOR ERBELE: Has ND no private adoption laws? SENATOR KRAUTER: I am not familiar with that law.

STACEY PFLIIGER, Right to Life, supports resolution. (Written testimony)

CHRISTOPHER DOBSON, Catholic Family Service, supports resolution. Why do we do things this way. We need to take a look at the whole piece.

The hearing was closed on SCR 4014.

Discussion resumed on Tape 3, Side A, Meter 4.8

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SENATOR MATHERN suggested an amendment - supports the needs of all persons involved and that it - on line 11 after the word process. SENATOR MATHERN moved the amendment. SENATOR ERBELE seconded it. Discussion. Voice vote carried. SENATOR ERBELE moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. SENATOR MATHERN seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0 SENATOR ERBELE will carry the bill.

Date: Feb 13, 2001

Roll Call Vote #: /

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4014

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as amended

Motion Made By Sen Erbele Seconded By Sen Mathern

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Lee, Chairperson	✓		Senator Polovitz	✓	
Senator Kilzer, Vice-Chairperson	✓		Senator Mathern	✓	
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen Erbele

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 14, 2001 11:43 a.m.

Module No: SR-27-3305
Carrier: Erbele
Insert LC: 13056.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4014: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4014 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 11, after "process" insert "supports the needs of all individuals involved and that the process" and replace the period with a semicolon

Renumber accordingly

2001 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SCR 4014

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4014

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 21, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		1 to 1760
1		x	4839 to 4990
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Cornie Easton</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Price: I will call the committee to order and the clerk will take the roll. I will open the hearing on SCR 4014.

Rep. Boucher - District 9: I come to you today in support of a resolution to study the adoption laws of ND. (See written testimony).

Nancy Mathena - Lobbyist for the ND Right to Life Association: I am here today in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4014. (See written testimony).

Christopher Dodson - Director ND Catholic Conference: We also support this resolution. I get a lot of calls about why the law is this way. Besides workers comp legislators get more calls on adoptions than anything. Why can't it be easier. It is difficult getting answers for these. Adoption is complicated, if you touch one thing you might affect another. So we think a study would be good to figure these things out. We support this resolution.

Julie Hoffman - Administrator of Adoption Services for the ND Dept. Of Human Services: I am here to present testimony in favor of this resolution. (See written testimony).

Rep. Niemeier: I see there was an addition on the engrossed bill on line 11, "support the needs of all individuals involved" could you expand a bit more on that language?

Hoffman: I think in regards to adoption statutes there is a difficult wait between the rights of differing individuals. All which may have a very different perspective about changes in the statute. So when changing statute you really need to balance the responsibilities of all the parties.

Rep. Niemeier - District 20: I have always been interested in adoption procedures. It seems that this study is a good way to go. I wasn't aware that my son and his family were considering another adoption when I signed on to this bill. Since then they have and they are involved in the process right now. 3 years ago, my son acquired legal guardianship of a little girl from the Marshall Islands and she is now 12 years old and an important part of our family. This time they are going to do a legal adoption and they are looking at either another girl from the Marshall Islands or Eastern Europe. They have started the process already. I don't know what the problems or implications are on overseas adoptions but if this study can help families make that path more smooth, it would be very worthwhile. I do endorse this study and hope it goes forth.

Rep. Sandvig - District 21: I am here in support of this resolution. I heard from people, different adoption agencies and lawyers who worked with adoption that they are sometimes running into problems with groups that advertise in the paper. That they will find an adoptive child for a family and sometimes when a family comes to get this child maybe the mother had decided to keep it and they have put out a lot of money up front and they either don't get the child or they she decides to keep it. I don't know if this can be handled currently with our judicial system, but I am hoping this study can look into that too.

