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2001 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

SCR 4015


2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4015

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-15-01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	32.9 - end
2	X		Start - 2.2
2	X		29.0 - 36.5
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

SENATOR FISCHER opened the hearing SCR 4015.

SENATOR BILL BOWMAN, of District 39 introduced SCR 4015, RELATING TO ACCESS AND USE OF PUBLIC LANDS. He testified that the "National Grasslands Policy" has always been a multiple use concept. That means there is hunting, camping, ranching, hiking and oil production on these grasslands. What happened was with a stroke of a pen in Washington DC, that without any hearings the direction of the National Grasslands was changed to a special interest group policy. These groups want a wilderness type proposal without roads that are needed by the people in the area. The resolution is to ask congress to go back and review this proposal and evaluate the damage that it will cause to our state, whether its in ranching or oil production.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID DROVDAL of District 39 cosponsor of SCR 4015, pointed out that 50% of his district is owned by state & federal government. He is concerned our dependence

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on the middle east for oil production and if we are ever to become independent and we need to have access to this land.

RON NESS, Executive Director of the North Dakota Petroleum Council testified in support of SCR 4015. This resolution will tell the president and congress to let North Dakotans decide how to man the public lands of our state. He presented a list of rules and planning efforts of the National Forest Service (See attached testimony).

WES TOSSETT representing the LAND (Landowners Association of North Dakota) testified in support of SCR 4015. He feels local control is the way to manage grasslands.

JOHN EMTER, representing God's Laws, testified in a neutral position of SCR 4015. He feels we need to look at the large picture.

MIKE DONAHUE, representing the North Dakota Wildlife Federation testified in opposition of SCR 4015. They support multiple use of the lands, but feels the study should be forwarded to the Forest Service Program for more input.

PAUL CRARY representing the Cass County Wildlife Club testified in opposition to SCR 4015, because it will open it up to oil drilling and are afraid of that.

SENATOR FISCHER closed the hearing on SCR 4015.

**TAPE # 2**

More discussion was held on SCR 4015.

SENATOR TOLLEFSON made a motion for a "DO PASS" of SCR 4015.

SENATOR EVERY second the motion.

SENATOR FISCHER called for a roll vote of SCR 4015. The vote indicated 6 YAYS, 0 NAYS, AND 1 ABSENT.

SENATOR TOLLEFSON will carry SCR 4015.

Date: 8-15-01  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4/615

Senate NATURAL RESOURCES Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

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

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Tollefson Seconded By Every

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Thomas Fischer, Chairman	✓		Sen. Michael A. Every	✓	
Sen. Ben Tollefson, Vice Chair.	✓		Sen. Jerome Kelsh	✓	
Sen. Randel Christmann	✓				
Sen. Layton Freborg	✓				
Sen. John T. Traynor	A				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Traynor Tollefson

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 15, 2001 2:06 p.m.

**Module No: SR-28-3548**  
**Carrier: Tollefson**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4015: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Fischer, Chairman) recommends DO  
PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4015 was placed on  
the Eleventh order on the calendar.**

2001 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

SCR 4015

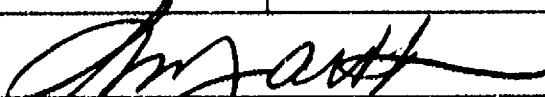
2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4015

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 9, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		2850 to 3765
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Chairman Earl Rennerfeldt, Vice Chair Jon O. Nelson, Rep. Brekke, Rep. DeKrey, Rep. Droydal, Rep. Galvin, Rep. Keiser, Rep. Klein, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. Porter, Rep. Weiler, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Kelsh, Rep. Solberg, Rep. Winrich.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: I will open the hearing on SCR 4015.

Sen. Bowman - District 39: This resolution will have a huge impact on our district, we have a huge amount of national grasslands as you all know in District 39. What we are asking for in this resolution, is simple, go back to multiple use. Multiple use allows every aspect, every person that has an interest to utilize that grass. That means ranchers, hunters, hikers, campers and the oil industry which has a huge impact on the economy in ND. To understand this a little better you might want to understand this one thing. There was a meeting held in Medora, but that place was full and we talked about this very issue. 99% of the people there said use it as it was intended,



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multiple use. As you all know, it was declared by Executive Order to go back to a special interest use. What will that do to ND economy. For a select few it may make better hunting. But let me read something I have in policy right here. This is the final report from the Department of Interior on this. I want to read just one little quote. This is what it says about hunting, and then I want you to think about your age and the distance you might be and the situation that this bill might put you in when you hunt. The quality of hunting would be enhanced for those who desire a non motorized experience. In other words pack your bag and be ready to go to the outdoors. However, hunters would not be able to drive cross country to retrieve your game. Which may be a concern for some. Let's go out in one of those big pastures and let's walk 3-4 miles from where our pickup is, now you shoot a two point mule deer buck. All of a sudden the weather starts to change and you need to get back to your truck. How many mule deer bucks will we find in those draws next spring, because people are not going to drag a buck that many miles back to that pickup. The law now says it is an experience to drag a buck back to your pickup. A lot of people aren't ready for that kind of physical challenge. Part of understanding the national grasslands is understanding why we have them and what happens when they allow us to go back and run cattle on those grasslands. We had a major problem in the 30's with no water development, it was all open range and consequently all the cattle and all the wildlife congregated around the water. They mashed the grass, there was no rain and it started to blow. Then it sustained a position of non-productivity. What happened to the people out there, they left and the government bought that land to reclaim it. So the government allocated so many acres to a farmstead if you would come back and reclaim that land. So working with the ASCS offices it worked to reclaim that land, they planted thousands of acres of grass. They were smarter then, and decided to avoid this scenario again. They allowed a management plan between the ranchers and the grain association

