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2001 SENATE AGRICULTURE

SCR 4026


2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4026

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 15, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Feb. 15 1		X	0.0 - 25.2
Feb. 21 1	X		0.0 - 10.0
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

SENATOR KRAUTER; Sponsor, introduced the resolution to the committee. See attached information.

SENATOR WANZEK; Do you think the facts that are listed are direct the result of freedom to farm?

SENATOR KRAUTER; Yes, we've had changes. The overproduction and low commodity prices have made things harder for producers in North Dakota and producers in the mid-western states. If we wouldn't have the payments that we have received in the last 3 years (disaster payments) a lot of producers in North Dakota would be in a negative cash flow environment. It is directly related to the current farm policy we have and we need to make some changes. The changes we need to make are changing loan rates and make a level playing field in the trade and equity that we have in global markets.

SENATOR WANZEK; What are the benefits?

SENATOR KRAUTER; The flexibility is great. We need to have a level playing field of loan rates and do a better job competing globally, dollar for dollar in exports.

ARDEN HANER; testified in support of this bill. More of our farm products need to be used for fuels, biodiesel.

ERIC OSMUNDSTEAD; ND Farm Bureau, testified in support of this resolution. We were promised many thing with the fair act which some have not happened. They need to be worked on.

SENATOR NICHOLS; Could you discuss what you mean with regard to the trade issue?

ERIC OSMUNDSTEAD; We support of export inhansment, we think it should be used at higher levels. We have to move our products and we have to sell what we produce.

LANCE HAGEN; ND Grain Growers Assoc., testified in support of this resolution. We indorsed the FITE Plan that Senator Conrad has proposed, we agreed with the resolution. This is a concurrent resolution urging Congress to address the flaws that are in the current freedom to farm legislation. ND Grain Growers have our own plan that was adapted to the current freedom to farm laws. We have worked with Senator Dorgan on the increase in the loan rates. We do have to do something with wheat and his current proposal, that we strongly support. We support the concept of the resolution.

SENATOR HEITKAMP; Sponsor, testified in support of this resolution.

The hearing was closed.

February 21, 2001

Discussion was held.

SENATOR URLACHER moved the amendments.

SENATOR KLEIN seconded the motion.

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Discussion was held.

Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, 2 No, 1 Absent and Not voting.

SENATOR URLACHER moved for a DC PASS AS AMENDED.

SENATOR KLEIN seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, 0 No, 1 Absent and Not voting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4026

Page 1, line 1, replace "address the flaws in the current freedom to farm" with "carefully examine United States agricultural policy with a view to addressing trade and export enhancement issues, adequate loan rates for all commodities, and any other issues or provisions that would restore income protection and prosperity for this country's farmers"

Page 1, remove lines 2 through 4

Page 1, line 5, remove "loan rate formulas of the current freedom to farm legislation"

Page 1, after line 7, insert:

"**WHEREAS**, the prices received by farmers for their commodities are often lower than the actual cost of production; and"

Page 1, replace lines 17 and 18 with:

"**WHEREAS**, the European Union assists its farmers through high-support prices and generous direct payments, which result in prosperous rural areas and a vibrant agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, this country's agricultural policy frequently fails to provide adequate protection from market downturns;"

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Page 2, remove line 1

Page 2, line 2, remove "farm legislation"

Re-number accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4026: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends
AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS**
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4026 was placed on the
Sixth order on the calendar.

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2001 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 4026

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3--15--01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
TWO	A		3457 TO 4465
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward J. Flynn</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: WE WILL OPEN ON HCR 4026.

SENATOR KRAUTER: The issues in this bill are about two things in our current farm policy that have to be addressed. Number one is trade and number two is loan rate program that we have in the US. Please see the statistics in the Resolution.

ALLEN ROBERTS: CORN GROWERS. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN SURVIVE IS THE LOAN RATE. DO PASS. INCREASE LOAN RATE. WE HAVE MORE COMPETITION

MARK SITZ ND. FARMERS UNION: We need a safety net. DO PASS

REPRESENTATIVE LLOYD: Export enhancement. We are not pursuing what we already have in place.

MARK SITZ: The amount of money that the European Union puts towards export subsidies. They spend upwards of 10 times what we would have available in export enhancements.

USDA did not think it was wise move to go and start a trade war.

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CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: ANY OTHER QUESTION. ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO PRESENT TESTIMONY ON THIS RESOLUTION? O.K. THE HOUSE WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON SCR 4026. REP. MUELLER MOVED FOR A DO PASS AND REP. KOPPANG SECONDED. THERE WERE 15 YES.....0.....NO.....0 ABSENT..... REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON WILL CARRY THE RESOLUTION. WE WILL CLOSE ON SCR 4026

3-1-01

Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House AGRICULTURE SIR 4 Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken _____

Motion Made By Murphy Seconded By Johnson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chairman	✓		Rod Froelich	✓	
Dennis E. Johnson - Vice Chairman	✓		Doug Lemieux	✓	
Rick Berg	✓		Philip Mueller	✓	
Michael Brandenburg	✓		Kenton Onstad	✓	
Joyce Kingsbury	✓		Sally M. Slandvig	✓	
Myron Koppang	✓		Dennis J. Renner	✓	
Edward H. Lloyd	✓		Dwight Wrangham	✓	
Bill Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 15 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Fusion

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 15, 2001 12:25 p.m.

Module No: HR-45-5704
Carrier: D. Johnson
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4026: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4026 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

SCR 4026

