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2001 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

SCR 4043

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4043

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-1-01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	20.2 - 33.3
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Janet James</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR FISCHER opened the hearing on SCR 4043.

SENATOR KEN KROEPLIN, of District 23 and cosponsor of SCR 4043, A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF PROMOTING CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE. He presenting written testimony by SENATOR ARRON KRAUTER of District 25 along with some proposed amendments prepared by Legislative Council (See attached testimony). It is his understanding the Lignite Energy Council is in support of these amendments.

Written testimony from BILL PFEIFER, representing the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society, in support of SCR 4043 was distributed to the Committee.

CLIFFORD PORTER presented written testimony (See attached testimony), on behalf of JOHN DWYER, of the Lignite Energy Council, in a neutral position of SCR 4043. He also presented proposed amendments and information on Carbon Dioxide emissions. (See attached).

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There was on opposing testimony of SCR 4043.

SENATOR FISCHER closed the hearing on SCR 4043.

SENATOR FREBORG made a motion to amend SCR 4043 to change the word "direct" to "urge" and make the appropriate changes to reflect that change further in the resolution.

Discussion was held as to whether changing the verbiage of the resolutions would mean any of might not be considered as a priority and dismissed.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN second the motion.

SENATOR FISCHER called for a roll vote # 1 of SCR 4043. The vote indicated 6 YAYS, 0 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN made a motion to adopt the amendments as prepared by the Legislative Council. (13120.0101)

SENATOR EVERY second the motion.

SENATOR FISCHER called for a roll vote # 2 of SCR 4043. The indicated 6 YAYS, 0 NAYS, AND 1 ABSENT.

SENATOR KELSH made a motion for a "DO PASS as AMENDED" of SCR 4043.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN second the motion.

SENATOR FISCHER called for a roll vote # 3 of SCR 4043. The vote indicated 6 YAYS, 0 NAYS, AND 1 ABSENT.

SENATOR EVERY will carry SCR 4043.

March 1, 2001
Prepared by the Lignite Energy Council

**Proposed Amendments
SCR 4043**

Page 1, remove lines 3 through 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

WHEREAS, CO₂ emissions from manmade activities account for about 4% of total CO₂ emissions worldwide;

WHEREAS, while the scientific community continues to debate the causation and extent of global warming from increased CO₂ emissions, it is prudent to take actions that reduce CO₂ emissions under voluntary, no-regrets policies;

And renumber accordingly.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4043

Page 1, replace lines 3 through 7 with:

"WHEREAS, carbon dioxide emissions from manmade activities account for approximately four percent of total carbon dioxide emissions worldwide; and

WHEREAS, while the scientific community continues to debate the causation and extent of global warming from increased carbon dioxide emissions, it is prudent to take actions that reduce carbon dioxide emissions under voluntary, no-regrets policies; and"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 3-10-10
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4043

Senate NATURAL RESOURCES Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Amend of LC 13120.0101

Motion Made By Chis Seconded By Every

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

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 3-1-01
Roll Call Vote #: 3

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate NATURAL RESOURCES Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Kelsh Seconded By Christmann

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	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Energy

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4043: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Fischer, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4043 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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WHEREAS, while the scientific community continues to debate the causation and extent of global warming from increased carbon dioxide emissions, it is prudent to take actions that reduce carbon dioxide emissions under voluntary, no-regrets policies; and"

Renumber accordingly

2001 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

SCR 4043

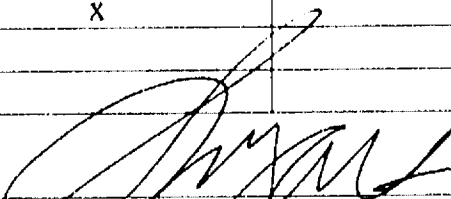
2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4043

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 16, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		2137 to 3844
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Chairman Earl Rennerfeldt, Vice Chair Jon O. Nelson, Rep. Brekke, Rep. DeKrey, Rep. Drovdal, 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 4043.

Sen. Krauter - District 35: Introduces bill. (See written testimony).

Rep. Keiser: Who paid the Iowa Farmers?

Sen. Krauter: They are private contracts between those energy companies and those farmers.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: In other words they are paying because they don't have scrubbers and as much pollution coming this way? Compensate for their pollution?

Sen. Krauter: In a simple form, it could be said that way, it is the credits that they are allowed to have and they basically make those payments to receive those credits.

Rep. Weiler: According to your testimony, it sounds like there is a great deal of money being paid to Iowa farmers and SD farmers. It is such a great idea, why is this a study resolution? Why don't we just do it? Why do we have to wait two years?

Sen. Krauter: It is not a process where we are involved in making the payments. During the Interim, as we traditionally do, have an agriculture committee that looks at issues. I think it is important that we bring this issue to the table to research and find out who are those companies, how are they making payments to farmers and how is it being done in SD, Iowa, so we can provide education to the farmers and ranchers in ND. So it is putting the process out there. You never know what comes out of those interim committees. Maybe there's some other things that the industry, like the Lignite Industry, can identify to make this work in harmony with what they are currently doing in the state.

Rep. Galvin: Is the main purpose of this bill to clear up the atmosphere? Or is it to create another source of income?

Sen. Krauter: Income for Land Owners.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Anyone else care to testify in favor of this resolution?

Mark Sitz: I am here representing the members of the ND Farmers Union. We support SCR 4043. We recognize sequestration as a potential for our state farmers to draw income. It is something new, and I don't pretend to know all about it. Our farmers need every avenue for income and this has potential, so I hope you would put a Do Pass on SCR 4043.

Rep. Porter: Is it possible the way the program works, for no-till, low-till replanting of grass...is it possible then for a land owner not only to get a Federal CRP payment but to also get a carbon payment from another company? So they get a double payment?

Sitz: I would believe so, that that is an issue that could be brought out in a study.

Rep. DeKrey: In answer to Rep. Porters question, we are going to charge them to hunt, we are going to take the carbon payment, and the CRP payment, what's left?

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Anyone else care to testify in favor of this resolution? Any opposition to this resolution?

John Dwyer - Lignite Energy Council: I am here to point out to the committee that we are not opposed to this resolution. We did however amend it in the Senate. All I wanted to do is to go on record saying we fully support it, but we are not going to pay them. I am handing out a letter from George Bush. (See letter). We don't believe CO2 is a pollutant.

Rep. Keiser: You are not saying in the interim that we shouldn't study this, if we found a way to save the industry millions of dollars, you might be willing to give some back.

Dwyer: There are no scrubbers to remove CO2. You can't remove CO2. That is one of the problems with the whole CO2 approach. The economy approach you will have more emissions, that is why this whole Kyoto thing is flawed and that is why the Senate voted against it 95 to 0 because it only impacts industrialized countries. So I guess I don't agree with the premise of your statement. I can't imagine how it will save any money for our Industry. We are not opposed to this.

Vice Chair Nelson: Earlier we vote down the Kyoto Protocol and now we are going in and picking components out of the Protocol to study. Do you look at this as being somewhat contradictory?

Dwyer: I think the phrase under the second WHEREAS.....if we can reduce emissions it is fine. If the Kyoto Treaty calls for limitations, and that sort of thing. I think it is fine to study that sort of thing.

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(Written Testimony submitted by Bill Pfeifer - ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society in favor of SCR 4043)

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any questions? I will close the hearing on SCR 4043.

COMMITTEE WORK

Rep. Solberg: I move a Do Pass recommendation on SCR 4043.

Rep. Winrich: I second.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any discussion? (some discussion). I have a motion for a Do Pass on SCR 4043. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed? Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION FOR A DO PASS ON SCR 4043

YES, 14 NO, 0

1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING

PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

CARRIED BY REP. SOLBERG

