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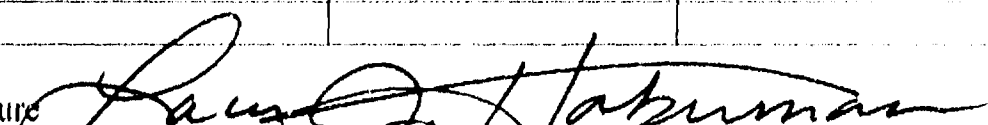
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4051

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 4--5--2001

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Minutes: Joint hearing with House Agriculture Committee.

1A:15.3 SENATOR WANZEK: SCR 4051 is a Concurrent Resolution urging Congress to take any and all measures necessary to guard against the spread of all livestock diseases, including hoof and mouth disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and to encourage aggressive efforts on the part of other countries with a view to eradicating these diseases with all possible celerity. PLEASE READ BILL WHICH IS ATTACHED. ALSO SEE THE ATTACHED FACT SHEET PRESENTED BY WADE MOSER, NORTH DAKOTA STOCKMAN'S ASSOCIATION AND TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY DR. LARRY A. SCHULER, DVM, STATE VETERINARIAN AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH.

SENATOR WANZEK: Opened on SCR 4051. This Resolution has significant importance to all of us not just in ND but in other countries. With all the hoof and mouth disease problems that we read about that is happening overseas as to Mad Cow Disease. This Resolution encourages our congress to take all measures necessary to guard against spread of all livestock diseases including hoof and mouth disease. I think it is very critical, you look at how it has paralyzed the other countries overseas. Not just paralyzing the industry but paralyzing the tourism, paralyzing the whole country. I think this is serious and we should take our part in making a strong statement trying to help those out who are trying to do something about those who are insuring that the disease dose not spread into our country.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Who would like to give testimony.

SENATOR SOLBERG: I am here to encourage a DO PASS on the hoof and mouth disease Resolution. I think it is important to be vigil. I guess I am not even so worried about the visitor traffic as I am about the lack of in this world, the tree huggers, the vegetarians that are looking to undermine the livestock industry. The terrorist that they can threaten this country by this I think is even more reaching. Interestingly, yesterday, I had on the floor with me, and I got to show her around a little, a young lady from Finland. She is an attorney in the Department of Agriculture in Finland. There work has just about been constantly dealing with foot and mouth disease etc. They are extremely concerned about it. The feel that we are even in more danger then they are because of the radical move that we have in this country. I wish there was something more that we could do other then a Resolution. At this time it is the appropriate thing to do and I would ask for your support and quick action on this Resolution.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Senator Solberg, I would just tell you that we did concur with your one hundred and seventy thousand dollars that you sent over from the Senate. We concurred with on the Floor of the House, I believe that money will be used by the State Veterinarian and his people who are trying to stop the spread of this problem in ND. He is here and maybe he can tell us a little bit about exactly how that is going to be used.

SENATOR SOLBERG: One other thing Committee Members. I deal with XI Packing in Nebraska. I have talked to their buyers that I do business with and he tells me that packing plants, large and small, are having their supplies of cattle sign an affidavit that their cattle have not been fed any type of animal byproducts what so ever. I think the seed manufactures are going to get the word very quickly because the packing plants are getting pressure on those that are buying the products from them whether it be domestic or certainly overseas. It is coming down and coming quickly and it will not be long before everybody is going to be right in tune with that and as you know that is what the BFC comes from is animal byproducts. The next year will be interesting. It will be what we can do to stop the spread of the disease. Pre-empt the spread. One other thing the XI Plant. About 35% of their products is being imported. Basically in the Pacific Rim. The more we can guarantee disease free products, the more our exports will increase.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any other testimony?

DR. LARRY SCHULER: TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION.

TESTIMONY ATTACHED. PLEASE READ. WANT A DO PASS AT TO

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Chairman Nicholas asked Larry as to his testimony. My question is, are you aware of any feed companies now that we have a problem with at this time in this country? Is any of that feed that is out of compliance coming into ND.?

Would you be able to get that information?

LARRY S. Yes, I probably would be able to get that information.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: I would appreciate it if you would get that information and provide that to our committee's as soon as possible. I for one am feeding cattle and have them on feed and I would like to know if any of mine are getting any of it. Be good if you can provide that for all legislatures.

LARRY SCHULER: Actually, the registration division in the Agr. Dept. is the agency that is agency that is responsible for following up on these enforcement of disease ban but I can get that if you want.

REPRESENTATIVE FROELICH: There are 7 different foot and mouth viruses?

LARRY S: Yes, there are seven different types and there are many different forms of the virus. Also, should we be talking about foot and mouth verses hoof and mouth, there was dialogue about an amendment to address the foot verses hoof.

REPRESENTATIVE FROELICH: Vaccine for this?

LARRY S. Yes, but there are many different forms of the disease and so a vaccine will not be effective for all diseases. Or protect against.

The US has a foot and mouth vaccine bank in conjunction with Canada and Mexico.

They have vaccines for different O types stored and ready for use. It could be on line in 3 days.

They would have several million doses available through that bank. In the US the vaccine would be used only for the preventing of spread of the disease.

In the world of international trade you are not considered a free country until you stop vaccinations and have no evidence of the disease without vaccination. That is the reason

vaccination would impair trade.

Great Britain outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease came from smuggled meat from China is what the investigation shows. We are susceptible to that. Cattle will continue to test positive after after they have been given the vaccine. Even though you are vaccinating you are still going to get some infection but it slows the spread. You will have less virus shed after vaccinations. Slow the spread.

REPRESENTATIVE LLOYD:

We could contaminate the whole nation with just one airplane flying over and dumping germs etc. What is to stop this? IS IT POSSIBLE

LARRY S: It is a very real possibility. The US ARMY did a study as to Agr. terrorism, would be a very easy way to damage the US by interfering with their food supply. BIO terrorism is a very real problem. We are part of a bio terrorism group with SD AND MONTANA AND SOUTH DAKOTA AND IDAHO THROUGH A GRANT WHERE WE ARE TRYING IMPROVE SURVEILLANCE FOR UNUSUAL SITUATIONS.

It would be very easy to just go to a auction sale and you could have the disease spread around the country in a week. WE are doing a lot nationally to prevent BIO-Terrorism. Congress has provided money for this. South America has this disease and we are not importing cattle from there presently. They have had outbreaks recently. Argentina hid the disease for several months from us. That was a real risk to us.

The safe guards that we have is that we have cut off trade with those countries presently. Governments deny the existence of the disease. China denies they have the problem.

REPRESENTATIVE PEITSCH: Is it only a matter of time for us, or do we realistically thing we can prevent this.

LARRY S: Most people in the know say it is not a matter of if but a matter of when.

That is why being able to respond and be prepared for a quick responsibility will minimize the effect. We need to be able to respond rapidly.

In animals that have been incinerated there are still germs that survive.

SENATOR URLACHER: You mentioned that we have to be able to respond quickly.

Can we identify through blood tests or do we have wait till the actual disease is visual.

LARRY S: Actually we would have to wait for clinical signs. That is why it is important for producers not to try to hide any disease, and for Vet. to be able to recognize disease right away. We have tried to make Vet. aware of the disease.

WADE MOSER: **WE SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION:** The laid back response of the USDA has been upsetting. Bring some of these issues forward has increased their awareness'. We need to make sure that our producers are aware that this is not a panic situation. We have diseases that threaten us everyday. If something dose happen we are prepared to take action, and resolve the situation. It is important that we have money available for disasters. I believe there would be money available with a disaster declaration if there was disease in a heard of cattle. It would come from the Federal all the way down. We passed a new Bill this session that addresses reimbursement. There was discussion as to amendments that will be added to this HCR.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: ANY ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY.

THE HOOF USED IN THE BILL WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WILL PROBABLY BE CHANGED TO FOOT. USDA SHOULD BE INFORMED AS TO THIS RESOLUTION.

A NEW DRAFT WILL BE DONE AS TO THE CHANGES. WE HAVE TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION OUT OF THE SENATE FIRST. TERRORISM SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: CLOSED THE HEARING.....1A:29.2

April 9, 2001

Discussion was held.

SENATOR KLEIN moved to adopt the amendments (13134.0101).

SENATOR NICHOLS seconded the motion.

Voice vote was taken: 6 Yeas, 0 No, 0 Absent and Not voting.

Discussion.

SENATOR NICHOLS moved a DO PASS as amended.

SENATOR ERBELE seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 6 Yeas, 0 No, 0 Absent and Not voting.

SENATOR WANZEK will carry the bill.

Date: 4-9-01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Senate _____ Agriculture _____ Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 13134.0101

Action Taken amendments

Motion Made By Sen. Klein Seconded By Sen. Nichols

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek - Chairman	✓		Senator Kroeplin	✓	
Senator Erbele - Vice Chairman	✓		Senator Nichols	✓	
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 4-9-01
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Action Taken Do Pass - as amended

Motion Made By Sen. Nichols Seconded By Sen. Erbele

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek - Chairman	✓		Senator Kroeplin	✓	
Senator Erbele - Vice Chairman	✓		Senator Nichols	✓	
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Wanzek

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4051: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends
AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS**
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4051 was placed on the
Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, replace "hoof" with "foot"

Page 1, line 5, replace "hoof" with "foot"

Page 1, line 17, replace "hoof" with "foot"

Page 1, line 19, replace "hoof" with "foot"

Page 1, line 22, replace "hoof" with "foot"

Page 1, line 23, replace "hoof" with "foot"

Page 2, line 1, replace "hoof" with "foot"

Page 2, line 19, after the semicolon insert "and

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local governmental entities must be prepared to
address and counter not only the inadvertent spread of foot and mouth disease but
also the intentional dissemination of this and similar diseases by individuals or groups
that zealously oppose the continuation of the livestock industry;"

Page 2, line 24, replace "hoof" with "foot"

Page 2, line 28, after the first "the" insert "United States Attorney General, the" and after the
comma insert "the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the
director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the director of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation,"

Renumber accordingly

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