

**2011 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HCR 3025**

# 2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee  
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HCR 3025  
February 17, 2011  
14697

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

*Carmen Hart*

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Declaring March 10, 2011 as "Canada Day at the ND Capitol"

## Minutes:

**Chairman Bette Grande** opened the hearing on HCR 3025.

**Rep. Dennis Johnson, District 15**, appeared. **Attachment 1.** I am an alternate member to the legislative forum that meets once a year, usually in June, and that consists of South Dakota, Minnesota, Manitoba, and North Dakota and we rotate our meeting locations. We talk of common interests, border crossings, and water issues. We have a hard time getting Devils Lake on the agenda, but at the last meeting we did consume the whole day talking about Devils Lake. It does give us the opportunity to have that dialog and develop relationships and friendships with these people. Fifty percent of our international trade out of North Dakota goes to Canada. Energy coming out of Canada, the oil, the pipelines, the energy that comes out of Canada, they are number one. Our number one importer of energy comes out of Canada and it is more than the second and third importers that come to the United States which is Venezuela and Mexico. Canada surpasses them both when they are added together. They are a very good partner of ours. My only regret is I am going to be gone the 10<sup>th</sup> when he is here so I am going to miss it.

**Rep. Lonny Winrich:** Is there some special significance about March 10 or is that just a day when the Consul General happens to be here?

**Rep. Dennis Johnson:** That is why we picked the 10<sup>th</sup> to accommodate his presence that day and so we can have a little something to offer to that group that is going to be here too that day. I would add that when you look at the makeup of the membership of this resolution or signed on there, Rep. Delmore and Senator Fischer are on the steering committee of this legislative forum that meets every year and Rep. Monson and myself and Senator Wardner have been attending the meetings.

No one was neutral or in opposition to this resolution.

The hearing was closed.

**Rep. Mark Sanford** made a motion for a **Do Pass**.

**Rep. Lisa Meier** seconded the motion.

**DO PASS, 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. Rep. Glen Froseth is the carrier of this resolution. This is on the consent calendar.**

Date: 2-17-11  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3025

House GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN AFFAIRS Committee

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

Action Taken  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Sanford Seconded By Meier

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Bette Grande	✓		Bill Amerman	✓	
Vice Chairman Randy Boehning	✓		Ron Guggisberg	✓	
Glen Froseth	✓		Lonny Winrich	✓	
Karen Karls	✓				
Lisa Meier	✓				
Gary Paur	✓				
Karen Rohr	✓				
Mark Sanford	✓				
Vicky Steiner	✓				
Roscoe Streyle	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Froseth

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

*on consent calendar*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3025: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Grande, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR**  
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3025 was placed on the  
Tenth order on the calendar.

2011 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Government and Veteran's Affairs Committee  
Missouri River Room, State Capitol

HCR 3025  
March 4, 2011  
14961

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature *Katie Oliver*

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A concurrent resolution declaring March 10, 2011, as "Canada Day at the North Dakota Capitol."

## Minutes:

Testimony Attached

**Representative Denis Johnson:** District 15, Devils Lake. See attached testimony #1.

**Representative Dave Monson:** District 10, Osnabrock. I stand in support of the resolution.

**Senator Nelson:** We have newcomers on the committee can you tell them what the legislative

**Representative Monson:** It has been going on for 12 years; it started off as a way to communicate about water with the 4 jurisdictions. It has been a very good thing to be on; we have it every year, excellent communication.

**Senator Nelson:** IFMEP meetings have been held in Bismarck and we have now expanded it to more topics.

**Rod Bachman:** Honoree Council Canada to North Dakota. I think that you will enjoy it, he is planning a speech. There is so much in common with Canada, trade, agriculture and inevitably they want to talk about water

**Chairman Dever:** It is interesting to see that some of the products that they exported to North Dakota were electricity and natural gas even though we are a large producer of those products.

**Rod Bachman:** A few years ago we saw a huge increase right after the Bakken came on. I think that now it has changes and it is going south for processing.

**Senator Nelson:** Can you explain to us how the Canadians choose their Council General

**Rod Bachman:** There are, I think, 14 Consulate offices in the United States, we have more than most other countries. In this case Martin handles 5 different states.

**Senator Nelson:** Who appointed him?

**Rod Bachman:** The premiere appointed him.

There was no one else present to speak in support, opposition or a neutral position on HCR 3025 and Chairman Dever closed the public hearing. A motion for a do pass was made by Senator Berry with a second by Senator Nelson; there was no further discussion, roll was taken, the motion passed and Chairman Dever carried it to the floor.



Date: 3-4-11  
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3025

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Berry Seconded By Nelson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Dever	X		Senator Marcellais	X	
Vice Chairman Sorvaag	X		Senator Nelson	X	
Senator Barry	X				
Senator Cook	X				
Senator Schaible	X				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Dever

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3025: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HCR 3025 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

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Attachment 1  
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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3025  
Canada Day at the North Dakota Capitol  
Background Information – February 17, 2011**

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