

2021 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1371

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee
Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1371 AM
2/5/2021

Relating to requiring the state to observe daylight saving time year round, relating to daylight saving time; and to provide an effective date

Chairman Dockter:(10:19). Opened the meeting.

Representatives	
Representative Jason Dockter	P
Representative Brandy Pyle	P
Representative Mary Adams	P
Representative Claire Cory	P
Representative Sebastian Ertelt	P
Representative Clayton Fegley	P
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	P
Representative Mary Johnson	P
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	P
Representative Donald Longmuir	P
Representative Dave Nehring	P
Representative Marvin E. Nelson	P
Representative Luke Simons	P
Representative Nathan Toman	P

Discussion Topics:

- Year around daylight saving time
- Congressional action

Rep. Devlin: Introduced the bill. #5678

Rep. Simons: Do pass.

Rep. Nelson: Second the motion.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative Mary Adams	N
Representative Claire Cory	Y
Representative Sebastian Ertelt	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	N

Representative Patrick Hatlestad	N
Representative Mary Johnson	N
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	N
Representative Donald Longmuir	Y
Representative Dave Nehring	N
Representative Marvin E. Nelson	Y
Representative Luke Simons	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y

Motion carried. 8-6-0 passed

Rep. Nelson: will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony: #5614, #5553, #5341, #5330.

Chairman Dockter: Closed hearing (10:42)

Carmen Hickle, Committee Clerk by Donna Whetham

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1371: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1371 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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To get to that position we need congress to approve our request. I believe there are thirteen states now waiting and I am hopeful that something will be done this year.

Thank you, Chairman Dockter and members of the committee. I will try answer any questions you might have but honestly believe most of you know as much or more than I do about this issue.

February 4, 2021

RE: Testimony in favor of HB 1371

To the members of the ND House Political Subdivisions Committee:

I am writing in favor of HB 1371.

As a lifelong resident of North Dakota, I have lived through several of the clock changes that accompany the start and end of Daylight Savings Time. A bit weary of springing ahead and falling back, I've long wondered what staying on DST year-round would be like.

This fall gave me a perfect opportunity to try just that. Since, due to the pandemic, I was working from home and finding myself with fewer social obligations, being on Standard Time wasn't as crucial. So, when I went to bed on the night of October 31, I kept my clocks as they were.

I'm happy to report that I woke up on November 1 well-rested. I did not experience that vague but annoying "time disorientation" that seems to linger for days after a time change. Since then, I've caught more sunrises and enjoyed having a little extra daylight for the drive home from work. (Of course, I have been an hour ahead of everyone else. But, if anything, I've not been late!)

I look forward to waking up on March 15 having already been on Daylight Savings Time since last spring.

I share this to say that, in my opinion, switching between Standard Time and Daylight Savings Time is unhelpfully disruptive. (And that staying permanently on DST is doable.)

Of course, becoming a DST-only state would put our clocks out of sync with our neighboring states and with one neighboring province and could inconvenience those who frequently cross over our borders. But, this would only be the case for about four and a half months of the year. (And would permanently synchronize Saskatchewan—which has already done away with time changes—and the Mountain Time portion of our state.)

Perhaps instead of seeing a move to DST-only as putting us out of step with our neighbors, we should view it as an opportunity to be a leader among them. Who is to say that those neighbors who haven't already embraced a single, year-round time wouldn't soon follow our example?

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Ben Vinje
Minot, ND

#5553

I am in support of HB 1371, year round observance of daylight saving time.

Thank you,

Danielle Fischer

Please keep daylight savings, I like it and think it is nice to have.

Lori VanWinkle

Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota

#5330

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2-4-2021

House Political Subdivision Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the Political Subdivision Committee,

My name is Darren Schimke, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota representing 415 professional firefighters across our great state. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of HB 1371.

Admittedly, the passage of HB 1371 will not negatively affect all members of the PFFND. What it will do, is affect multiple Local membership along both the Western and Eastern borders. The Locals along both borders, constitute approximately half of our membership. Of those members, approximately 8% live across the North Dakota boarder in a different State. The passage of HB 1371 would negatively impact those firefighters commute to and from their fire stations, sleep patterns, and family lives.

For those reasons, the PFFND opposes HB 1371 and requests the consideration of a Do NOT Pass recommendation of HB 1371 from the House Political Subdivision Committee.

Thank you,

Darren Schimke

2021 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1371

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Sakakawea, State Capitol

HB 1371
3/11/2021

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring the state to observe daylight saving time year round; to repeal section 40-01-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to daylight saving time; and to provide an effective date.

Chairman Burckhard opened the hearing on HB 1371 at 2:28 p.m. Members present: Burckhard, Anderson, Lee, Larson, Kannianen, Oban, Heitkamp.

Discussion Topics:

- Daylights saving time participation in surrounding states

[2:28] Representative Bill Devlin, District 23. Introduced HB 1371 and provided testimony #8865 in favor.

[2:35] Scott Yates, Founder, #LockTheClock. Testified in favor #8284

[2:40] Jay Pea, Save Standard Time. testified in opposition #8434

[2:45] Senator Burckhard closed the hearing

[2:50] Senator Jason Heitkamp, District 26. Provided the committee with proposed amendment 21.0928.01001 (testimony #8859)

Senator Heitkamp moved to **ADOPT AMENDMENT 21.0928.01001**

Senator Oban seconded.

Roll Call Vote 7-0-0. Motion passed

Senators	Vote
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Howard C. Anderson, Jr.	Y
Senator Jason G. Heitkamp	Y
Senator Jordan Kannianen	Y
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Erin Oban	Y

Senator Heitkamp moved **DO PASS, AS AMENDED.**

Senator Anderson seconded.

Roll Call Vote 6-1-0. Motion passed

Senator Heitkamp will carry HB 1371.

Senators	Vote
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
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Senator Jason G. Heitkamp	Y
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Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	N
Senator Erin Oban	Y

Additional written testimony: (2)

Darren Schimke, President, Professional Fire Fighters of ND. Written testimony #8747 in opposition and testimony #8860 in favor.

Shelly Ventsch, New Town ND Resident. Written testimony # 8740 in opposition.

Chairman Burckhard closed the hearing on HB 1371 at 3:00 pm.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

March 10, 2021

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

Page 1, line 4, replace "an" with "a contingent"

Page 1, line 13, replace the third "the" with ":

1. The"

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Renumber accordingly

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Thank you, Chairman Burckhard and members of the committee. I will try answer any questions you might have and would appreciate your support of HB 1371.

#8284

March 9, 2021

Dear members of the Senate Political Subdivisions committee,

Below are two recent blog posts from my blog: sco.tt/time. That is the source of so much of the information that Legislators have been relying on for more than six years now.

In short, the bill before you, HB1371, is excellent. It's in line with other bills around the country, and especially with your neighboring states.

I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Yates
Denver, Colorado

Daylight Saving Time/Standard Time Legislative Update 2021

Last year at this time I had just finished testifying in Atlanta, and I had high hopes that we'd get to 20 states that had passed some kind of bill to #LockTheClock in 2020.

Well, as we know, 2020 through us all for a loop. A few states that move really fast, like Wyoming and Louisiana, got a bill

done before everything went to crap, but we ended up with only [15 states](#) that have taken action.

This year is poised to blast through the progress from last year. The bills I've seen, testified on, and talked to sponsors about are absolutely blazing through.



My last trip before Covid was to Atlanta in support of Wes Cantrell

One big thing that's different this year is that I'm able to be in many more places at the same time, through the magic of zoom. One of the realities of this new world is that people are much more accustomed to meeting in virtual rooms. That means less time on an airplane, and much more time getting the word out, so that's a net positive.

And the vibe I'm picking up everywhere is that it's time to get this done. *With all that's going wrong in the world, let's at least make the clocks work.* That's the general feeling I'm picking up all over the place.

What's going on in your state?

Well, for the very latest, check out the [Daylight Saving Time legislation page](#), which has a map and a list updated continuously. But for some of the story behind the story working roughly west to east, here are some updates:

Nevada

Around the country, there have been only a small handful of states that haven't done anything to #LockTheClock, Nevada among them. That changed with the introduction of [a bill](#) this week.

The bill follows a lot of the best practices I laid out in this post.

- It calls on the Feds to fix the U.S. laws.
- It cooperatively works with California.

There's a saying around state capitols that it takes five years to pass a good bill. Given the speed this is moving around the rest of the country, Nevada may be the first state to introduce a bill and pass it in the first year.

And if it does, California will be surrounded by states that want clock sanity, so maybe the legislators in California will finally get with the other states, and with the 70 percent of voters who said loud and clear they want something done. (It's going to be a bit harder since the two biggest advocates for change in California's legislature are both now out of state office, but it could still happen.)

If California does follow Nevada, it will be clear that what happens in Vegas stays in, well, at least it stays in the Pacific Time Zone.

Montana

Going just a bit west and north is the Big Sky state, which has the distinction of being the only state that touches two other time zones besides the one that it is in.

If the new law passes there, much of the credit will go to a

citizen, George Moncure, who just likes to play tennis outside, and likes the sun later in the day to be able to do that with friends.

I've told him that if I had 50 guys like him, this thing would have been fixed years ago. He's marshaled resources, found people to testify, worked with a sponsor... he's done it all and made it easy for me.

If you think you'd like to make a difference in your state, but don't think one person can make a difference, I hold up George as proof that one person can make a huge difference.

Montana's legislative session is short, so it may not squeak out in time, but it may.

Interestingly, there's another bill going through the legislature that George is not in favor of, a bill that would put Montana in Standard Time year round. Longtime fans of the #LockTheClock movement know that this blog doesn't have a position on which time zone is best to lock into.

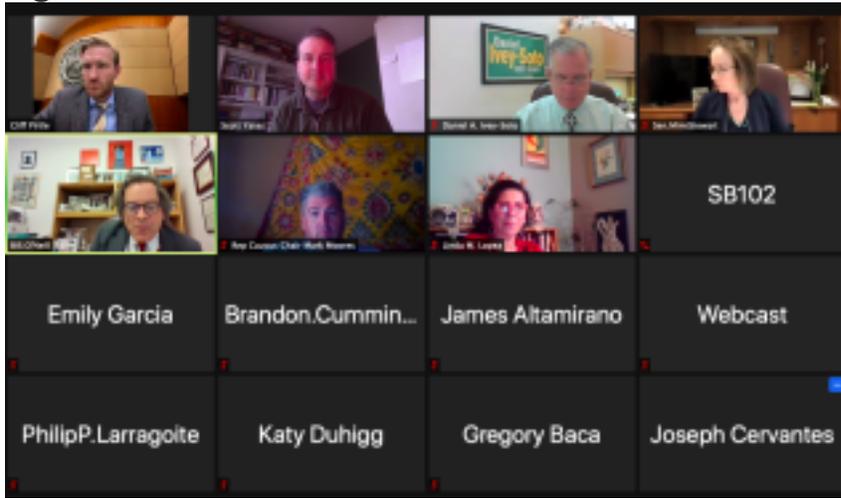
So, this state may be an interesting glimpse into which of those two choices a state legislature will opt for. More on that idea when we get to Texas.

New Mexico

One of the earliest legislators I ever wrote about on this blog was Sen. Cliff Pirtle, who has been advocating for clock sanity for years.

His bill for this year passed 6–2 out of its first committee, which I was honored to testify in front of by zoom. I was just glad to speak because I got [elbowed out of a chance to speak](#) when I drove down there to testify a couple of years

ago.



I understand that this year Pirtle has more bipartisan support for the bill, which should help it sail through a bit more quickly.

Texas

There are a bunch of bills in Texas this year, seven at last count.

The ones that are the most interesting to me are the two companion bills that would ask the voters if they prefer locking the clock in permanent Standard Time, or permanent Daylight Saving Time. These come from [Rep. Lyle Larson](#), and [Sen. Jose Menendez](#). (Note that these two sponsors come from different parties. It would be wonderful to see a bipartisan bill emerge from Texas on this clearly bipartisan issue.)

I've seen a zillion polls regarding DST, and in general it seems that about 70 percent of people want to #LockTheClock. If and when people are then asked what time they want the time locked into, again about 70 percent

say they want Permanent DST, the time we have in the summer.

But the polling is often muddled. The options are jumbled together, or the language isn't clear.

This proposal would make it crystal clear for voters:

Permanent ST or DST? Pick one.

Now, what goes for Texas may not go for every state, but it will be interesting to watch the results. The state is huge, but in general is toward the western side of the Central Time zone, so it would be easy to make the case that it should be in Standard Time year round. People in Texas, from what I hear, also like football and barbecue, both of which are better with more sunshine.



A really interesting vote to watch will be in the little chunk of Texas surrounding El Paso, which is in the Mountain Time zone. Their vote likely won't be enough to sway the state, but it will be interesting to see if people there opt to remain different than the rest of the state and like their neighbors in New Mexico and Mexico, or if they would want to join with

Dallas and Houston.

Just for the trove of new data we would get, I'm hoping that bill passes and the voters get to have a say this November. For one thing, it will take a lot of the arguments that are currently in the shadows, and force them into the light. Do pharmaceutical sleep aids do better with more clock changing? I don't know, but if there's a campaign on both sides, and the pharmaceutical companies donate to one side, we'll finally have a clear answer.

Oklahoma

The bills there would #LockTheClock for Oklahoma into Standard Time.

This will also be a fascinating one to watch. No state has opted to lock into Standard Time since Arizona did it in 1968, two years after the Uniform Time Act of 1966 made that the only legal choice for a state.

Every other state that's passed a law or resolution in the last four years has passed something saying that it wants to lock into permanent Daylight Time, so Oklahoma would be going the other direction.

Given that it is on the western edge of the Central Time zone, that makes some sense for people there. The sun wouldn't come up until awfully late in the winter. How will golfers react to the idea of sunsets around 7:30 instead of 8:30 p.m. in the summer? I haven't seen any organized opposition yet, and one bill already passed out of its first committee with a unanimous vote, so this bill might go all the way, which would mean that Oklahoma could be the first state in nearly 50 years to #LockTheClock.

Dad joke alert...

Will the Sooner state #LockTheClock sooner than the rest of the country?

North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas

These four states, like a stack of delicious pancakes in the heartland of the country, have some strong time zone similarities:

- They all have a weird line vaguely around the 100th Meridian that splits the time zones from the eastern population centers from western farm and ranch lands.
- They all have bills/resolutions calling to move to permanent DST.
- All those bills are sailing through. One bill that I thought was doomed in North Dakota is now doing very well. [I'm glad I didn't kill it!](#)

Illinois

The land of Lincoln has had a few bills each year for the last few years, but this may be the year something happens. The bill that I think may have the best shot is [the one](#) that has bipartisan sponsors. This is the ultimate in bipartisan issues, so it makes sense to have sponsors from both parties.

The only part of this bill that I disagree with is the fact that it just kind of announces that Illinois will be moving to DST permanently. That's not actually allowed under the current federal law. I'll try to work with the sponsors here and see if we can get the bill amended to something that has a better

chance of making a difference, which may in turn help it to get voted on, approved, and signed by the governor. The Illinois legislature meets essentially year-round, so it may be a while before we get news here.

Indiana

I'm not going to write about the states not doing anything, except I do want to mention Indiana, which has a particularly weird history with DST.

If I was in Indiana, I'd be reading the tea leaves of what's going on around the country, especially in DC, and I'd realize that there's a pretty good chance that Permanent DST is coming for everyone.

Perhaps more than the residents of any other state, Hoosiers may not be happy about this. The sun would come up awfully late in the winter. It's just nuts that Indiana is in the same time zone as, say, Vermont.

Their chance to fix this before it gets done to them is now. Why is there no action? I just don't get it.

Georgia

[Wes Cantrell](#) is another hero of the #LockTheClock movement. He's been pushing bills for a couple of years now, and actually getting them passed.

This year Georgia has a couple of bills that seem contradictory on the surface, but as Rep. Cantrell has explained to me, they actually are not.

Right now the federal government doesn't allow states to go to Permanent DST, only Permanent ST. One of the bills in

Georgia would have that state do what's legal now, and move to Standard Time year round. The other bill would have the state move to DST year round at the point that it becomes legal.

Sort of like with Texas, this will be a fascinating dynamic to watch play out.

If the feds move quickly, the Standard Time discussion will be moot. If not, however, Georgia could remain in Eastern Standard Time all year. Georgians may not hate that. The state is on the western edge of their time zone, but the effects aren't as pronounced because the time zone isn't as wide near the bottom as it is at the top. (I always thought the Eastern Time Zone looked a bit like a funnel.) Also, because the state is so far south the swing in daylight time isn't as dramatic as it is up north.

But tourism is a big industry in Georgia. Also, the state is probably a bit more socially and economically wrapped up with Florida, so it may want to stay in the same time zone with that state.

Will that state move to Standard Time, like it, and want to stay, or will it try it for a year, and realize that it wants Permanent Daylight Time? I don't know the answer to that, and really the people there probably don't either, but it could be an interesting test case that we can all learn from.

New York

In some ways, this is the ballgame right here.

For one thing, a lot of states are super tightly integrated into New York City. I was testifying in Connecticut where a bill seemed likely to pass (until the TV industry killed it, but that's

another story.) Part of the reason it was going to pass is a compromise I had a small part in brokering.

A representative from the part of Connecticut that has a ton of people who live there but work in “The city” (as they call New York City) said that he just couldn’t support something that might see people have to change time zones every morning on the way to work and again on the way home.

Fair enough.

So the compromise was that instead of Connecticut being dependent on Massachusetts before it adopts Atlantic Standard Time — which is the trick that they would use to help deal with current law about only being able to go into Permanent ST — it would be dependent on Massachusetts and New York doing the same.

The same kind of thing is at play with New Jersey. It would be a bit odd for the countless people that drive through the Lincoln tunnel or over the George Washington Bridge or take the PATH train if they had to change time zones each time.

And with New Jersey, you need to bring in Pennsylvania and probably Delaware, etc.

So. Yeah. New York is kind of the key.

Also New York is pretty much the center of the broadcasting world. As far as I can tell, it’s broadcasters who are the most rattled by the idea of more daylight for everyone later in the days. They don’t want to come out and say it, but they want it to be dark outside so people will come inside and sit on the couch and watch TV.

How hard will they push when actual bills start getting hearings? Or will they push so hard behind the scenes that the bills won’t get hearings at all?

New York's legislature meets all year, so we won't get any quick answers, but you can be sure that I'll be paying close attention to the four bills, so far, that have been introduced there.

Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut

Another hero of the #LockTheClock movement is [Tom Emswiler](#) of Massachusetts. They are now considering [a bill](#) that would take the recommendation of the study committee that said moving to Permanent Atlantic Time would be best for the Bay State (report downloadable from [this link](#)). Tom gets a ton of the credit there.

It started when he wrote a column for his local paper. That turned into a law that ordered a comprehensive study. That study was conducted by consulting tons of experts, debating for hours, and the end result was that the best thing the state could do is move to Permanent Atlantic Standard Time, as long as a couple of neighboring New England states came along.

Well, now those states are slowly coming along.

They are getting some resistance. It was ESPN, based in Connecticut, that has previously killed proposals there, but overwhelming bipartisan support may finally push back against that.

New Hampshire has a creative lawmaker, Josh Yokela, pushing for practical solutions there, and his bill may get signed this year.

I disagree with national broadcasters when they want to see

it darker, earlier, so people will watch more TV. I do think they have a small nugget of a valid point in not wanting to see the continental United States move to five time zones from the current four. I don't think that will happen because of the Connecticut-New York issue. But if that was solved, and we had states in the Atlantic Time Zone, it could be a bit confusing for a while.

But the reality is that solar noon is way off clock time for the New England States. If politics were out of the equation, those states probably would be in the Atlantic Time Zone, in Standard Time, all year long.

After all the dust settles with the efforts to #LockTheClock, will we have five time zones in the lower 48? Probably not, but it's a fun thought experiment of where you might draw the line that works for solar time as well as for the natural associations of populations.

Summary

I hope you've enjoyed this walk around the country.

The one thing that seems to tie all of these conversations together is the fact that this topic is no longer a sideshow. For years it was discussed in a few states with a few lighthearted legislators who didn't mind a bit of snickering going on when their bills were brought up, and then killed.

There's still plenty of levity with this topic. In a recent hearing I was participating in the committee chair couldn't find the sponsor, and he joked that she must be operating in a different time zone.

But once the jokes are done, and people realize that approximately 28 people are going to needlessly die this year

because of the “spring forward” time change, and that countless more will have heart attacks, strokes, workplace accidents and more, the joking fades away and the voting starts. And this year more than any other year, legislators are voting yes.

Will state legislatures be able to fix this? Not on their own, and in an upcoming post I’ll take a look at what’s going on in DC, but there’s no question that state legislatures passing resolutions and laws is a hugely important effort that is absolutely getting noticed in Washington.

And if the U.S. can get this fixed, then maybe Europe will get out of its [current rut](#), and it will be able to fix this, too.

Then instead of dreading the clock change every spring and every fall, we’ll just be able to live our lives and someday our grandchildren will wonder what the heck we were doing changing the clock twice a year.

Thanks again for reading, and keep in touch!

February 06, 2021

DST Is Getting Fixed Everywhere But North Dakota, and It’s My Fault

I live in Denver, and recently had my first overnight trip in more than a year, going to Nebraska and Kansas to testify and talk to legislators (and to... you know... get out of the house and have a bit of father-son road-trip bonding time.)

And now I'm feeling really bad that I didn't make the trip just a bit longer.

I knew that North Dakota had a vote Friday, and I thought

about driving north from Lincoln, making a quick stop in Pierre, and then heading to Bismarck to talk to legislators about their [Daylight Saving Time bill](#).

The mistake I made was looking at the forecast, which showed that the expected high was going to be 9 degrees above zero. If you have to designate that a temperature is above or below zero... that's cold. And that was the high, and didn't count the wind chill, and from previous trips I know how the wind blows up there.



If I had as much fur as this North Dakota bunny, the bill might have passed!

Photo by [Atharva Tulsi](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Well, I didn't go, and the bill lost by **ONE VOTE**. Put into temperature terms, it was “one below.”

The issue was that some legislators were concerned that if they lock the clock, it might be confusing for people who have business over state lines, or live and work on two sides of the state line.

If I had only met the sponsor before he wrote up his bill, I might have guided him in **how to get a DST bill passed**.

And if I hadn't have been such a wimp about the weather, I probably could have convinced just one legislator that the bill won't take effect until there's a change in federal law, at which point all the neighboring states will also stop DST clock changing, so passing this bill will just be a signal to the feds that N.D. wants to #LockTheClock.

And maybe one of the legislators—we only needed one!—would have switched if they heard about the experience in Arizona where a lawmaker proposed that they start DST switching to make it less confusing, and was so flooded with constituents telling him that they liked it the way it was that he held a press conference announcing that he was killing his own bill.

I gotta not worry about it. The bills this year are absolutely on fire, and are winning at a higher percentage than they ever have before; indeed the Flickertail State is the only one with a loss so far this year. I wouldn't be surprised if we get to 30 states this year who have passed something to #LockTheClock.

But like the Prodigal Son, the loss of even one state (by one vote!) is rough when I could have helped.

Update: It turns out I didn't kill it!



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2021 March 9

Political Subdivisions Committee
North Dakota Senate
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Re: HB-1371—Oppose (Amend to Standard Time)

Dear Honorable Senators,

Please oppose HB-1371, refer it to your committees on health, safety, or education, and recommend its amendment to permanent Standard Time (draft attached).

HB-1371 seeks permanent Daylight Saving Time (DST), which science and history show is more harmful than clock change. Permanent Standard Time instead can improve viral immunity with better sleep, it will protect start times with morning sunlight, and it is federally pre-approved.

Scores of organizations representing thousands of scientists/doctors and millions of teachers/parents oppose permanent DST and endorse permanent Standard Time. Among these are the Dakota Sleep Society, National PTA, National Safety Council, American Academy of Sleep Medicine, American College of Chest Physicians, American College of Occupational & Environmental Medicine, Start School Later, and Society for Research on Biological Rhythms (sampling of expert statements attached).^{[AASM][CSC][ESRS][RIVM][SRBR]}

Healthy sleep is essential to viral immunity (including COVID),^{[Meira][Panda][Ray]} and for years the CDC has classified sleep deprivation as a nationwide epidemic.^[Jin] Springing clocks forward to DST acutely deprives sleep. Leaving clocks forward on DST chronically deprives sleep (estimated average 19 minutes nightly). An hour delay of sunrise each day (such as by DST) manifests as statistically significant increases in accidents, in illness and disease (certain cancers up 12–36%), and in healthcare costs, and as statistically significant decreases in education, in productivity, and in wages (down 3–5%). It's not just clock change that harms. Sun-based, longitudinally correct Standard Time preserves morning sunlight, when human biology needs it most.^{[AASM][Borisenkov][CSC][Curtis][ESRS][Gibson][Giuntella][Gu][Juda][RIVM][Roenneberg][SRBR]}

Standard Time is the quickest way to end clock change, in that the US Uniform Time Act of 1966 permits permanent Standard Time and forbids permanent DST. Scientific polling shows strong public support to end clock change, with slight preference for Standard Time.^[AP] History shows support for permanent DST reverses to opposition once its dark mornings are experienced.^{[BBC][Ripley][Yorkshire]} Permanent DST would delay North Dakota's sunrises to 9:48am, and past 8am for up to 5.5 months (photo attached). It would undo the benefits of starting school later, and it would disrupt parents' work hours.^{[Cell][Skeldon]} Standard Time keeps most sunrises

before 8am, when most work/school starts,^{[CDC][Silver]} for healthier sleep, alertness, immunity, and productivity.

Please oppose permanent DST and support permanent Standard Time—as is federally pre-approved, supported by history, and best for health, safety, education, and economy.

Sincerely,



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Endorsements of Permanent Standard Time as the Better Year-Round Clock

The following parties reject permanent Daylight Saving Time and endorse permanent Standard Time as the better year-round clock. These are not implied to be endorsements of the Save Standard Time entity.

Organizations (non-comprehensive list)

National PTA
National Safety Council
American College of Chest Physicians
National School Boards Association
B-Society
American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine
European Sleep Research Society
Agudath Israel of America
Society of Anesthesia & Sleep Medicine
German Teachers' Association
French Society for Sleep Research & Medicine
National Commission for the Rationalization of Spanish Hours
California Islamic University
Society for Light Treatment & Biological Rhythms
Rabbinical Council of California
Agudath Israel of California
Northwest Noggin Neuroscience
California Sleep Society
Michigan Academy of Sleep Medicine
Ohio Bicycle Federation
Wisconsin Sleep Society
Canadian Society for Chronobiology
Southern Sleep Society
Normal Time All the Time
German Society for Time Policy
Missouri Sleep Society
Solaris Fatigue Management
Sleep Medicine Association Netherlands
Chronobiology Lab Groningen
Better Times Platform
Barcelona Time Use Initiative for a Healthy Society
National Education Association
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Federation of Teachers
American College of Occupational & Environmental Medicine
Start School Later
Rabbinical Council of America
Society for Research on Biological Rhythms
Florida PTA
World Sleep Society
European Biological Rhythms Society
Society of Behavioral Sleep Medicine
American Academy of Cardiovascular Sleep Medicine
Agudath Israel of Florida
Francophone Chronobiology Society
Association of Canadian Ergonomists
Good Light Group
Agudath Israel of Chicago
Daylight Academy
Kentucky Sleep Society
Maryland Sleep Society
Australasian Chronobiology Society
Cuyahoga Astronomical Association
Adath Israel San Francisco
Tennessee Sleep Society
Curtis Clock Lab
Capitol Neurology
Stephens Memorial Observatory
Dutch Society for Sleep-Wake Research
Dakotas Sleep Society
Abolish Time Change!

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David K Welsh MD PhD, Professor Emeritus, University of California, San Diego
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Shimon Amir PhD, Professor, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec
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Michael Antle PhD, Professor, Hotchkiss Brain Institute & University of Calgary, Alberta
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 Oscar Castanon-Cervantes PhD, Assistant Professor, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia
 Joanna C Chiu PhD, Vice Chair, Department of Entomology & Nematology, University of California, Davis
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 Frank Powell PhD, Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Diego
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 Prof Stacey Harmer, University of California, Davis
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 Fabian Mohedano, President of Catalan Council for Vocational Training, Former Member of Parliament

"Permanent, year-round Standard Time is the best choice to most closely match our circadian sleep-wake cycle.

Daylight Saving Time results in more darkness in the morning and more light in the evening, disrupting the body's natural rhythm."

Muhammad Adeel Rishi MD
Mayo Clinic & American Academy of Sleep Medicine

<https://aasm.org/american-academy-of-sleep-medicine-calls-for-elimination-of-daylight-saving-time/>

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"The human circadian system does not adjust to Daylight Saving Time.

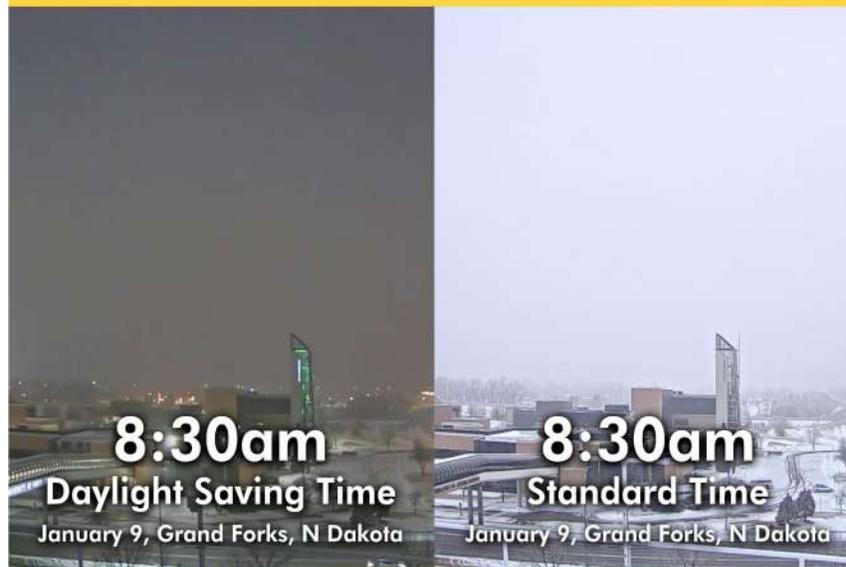
Sleep becomes disrupted, less efficient, and shortened. Permanent Standard Time is the healthier, more natural choice."

Nathaniel F Watson MD MSc
Neurology Professor, University of Washington, Seattle

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6557642/>

 **SAVE STANDARD TIME**

Most work/school starts at 8am.
How would you rather start your day half the year?



Permanent Standard Time is the safest, healthiest, quickest end to clock change.

 **SAVE STANDARD TIME**

8:03am average school start in the US. CDC, US ED, SASS, 2015. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6430a1.htm>
7:55am median work arrival in the US. 538, ACS, USCB, 2014. <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/which-cities-sleep-in-and-which-get-to-work-early/>

"Cancer rates significantly increase when sunrise is later.

"Permanent DST would make sunrise later, while permanent Standard Time would make sunrise closer to body time."

Nicolas Cermakian PhD
President, Canadian Society for Chronobiology

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-turn-back-the-clock-on-daylight-savings-why-standard-time-all-year/>

 **SAVE STANDARD TIME**

"National PTA is opposed to Daylight Saving Time during the winter months because of the safety factor."

Heidi May Wilson
Spokesperson for the National Parent Teacher Association

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/03/08/springing-forward-daylight-saving-time-is-obsolete-confusing-unhealthy-critics-say/>

 **SAVE STANDARD TIME**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO ABOLISH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
AND TO RESTORE PERMANENT STANDARD TIME

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring the state to observe standard time year-round; and to provide a contingent effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Year-round observance of standard time.

This state and each political subdivision shall be exempt from the advancement of time as provided by 15 U.S.C. 260(a) and shall observe standard time year-round as the standard time of the entire state and each political subdivision.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective at two o'clock antemeridian on the first Sunday of November in the year of its passage.

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

Introduced by

Representatives Devlin, Beltz, J. Nelson, M. Ruby

Senators Lee, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 1-08 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to requiring the state to observe daylight saving time year round; to repeal
3 section 40-01-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to daylight saving time; and to
4 provide ~~an a contingent~~ effective date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Year-round observance of daylight saving time.**

9 This state and each political subdivision shall observe daylight saving time year round as
10 the standard time of the entire state and each political subdivision.

11 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 40-01-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

12 **SECTION 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on the thirtieth
13 day after the attorney general certifies to the legislative council ~~the~~:

14 1. The United States Congress has amended 15 U.S.C. 260a to authorize states to
15 observe daylight saving time year round; and

16 2. Minnesota, Montana, and South Dakota each have commenced the observance of
17 daylight saving time year round as the standard time.

March 10, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

Page 1, line 4, replace "an" with "a contingent"

Page 1, line 13, replace the third "the" with ":

1. The"

Page 1, line 14, after "round" insert "; and

2. Minnesota, Montana, and South Dakota each have commenced the observance of daylight saving time year round as the standard time"

Renumber accordingly

Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota

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3-11-2021

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Darren Schimke, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota representing 415 professional firefighters across our great state. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of HB 1371 as it is written.

We do realize that the passage of HB 1371 will not negatively affect all members of the PFFND. What it will do, is affect multiple Local membership along both the Western and Eastern boarders. The Locals along both boarders constitute approximately half of our membership. Of those members, approximately 8% live across the North Dakota boarder in a different State. The passage of HB 1371 would negatively impact those firefighters commute to and from their fire stations, their sleep patterns and family lives.

Additionally, the Professional Fire Fighters are in support of a similar Bill, SB 2201. SB 2201 is identical to HB 1371 except that it contains an amendment that states Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota each must commence the observance of daylight saving time year round as the standard time before North Dakota will.

For those reasons, the Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota oppose HB 1371 as it is written and request that you consider a Do Not Pass recommendation from the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee.

Thank You,

Darren Schimke

Heitkamp, Jason

From: Darren Schimke <dschimke@wiktel.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Heitkamp, Jason
Subject: HB 1371

***** **CAUTION:** This email originated from an outside source. Do not click links or open attachments unless you know they are safe. *****

Senator Heitkamp,

I was wondering if you could do a favor for the Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota (PFFND) today? If you look at my written testimony that we provided for SB 2201, you will see that we opposed the Bill as originally written based on individual family and lifestyle hardships to firefighters that may commute across state lines to their fire stations for employment. With the amendment to SB 2201 that stated Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota would each commence the observance of daylight saving time year round as the standard time before SB 2201 took effect, the PFFND had no further reason to oppose SB 2201. That is why the PFFND changed their opinion and now support SB 2201. The amendment solved our issue!

Now for the favor that we ask. Could you somehow deliver a message to the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee members today on our behalf? If an amendment was added to HB 1371 today, which the PFFND provided written testimony opposing as currently written, stating the same amendment as SB 2201 has regarding the inclusion of Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota observing daylight saving time year round before North Dakota does, the PFFND would then support HB 1371.

Thank you for your consideration,

Fraternally,

Darren Schimke, President
Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota
218-779-4122

March 10, 2021

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

Please consider my comments opposing HB 1371. I do not believe that staying on Daylight Saving Time year-round will solve any problems or bring any great benefits. As you are aware, when it is 6:00AM (CST) in most of North Dakota, it is 5:00AM in eastern Montana and in a portion of western ND (MST). If ND and Montana spring ahead an hour (DST) and then ND does not fall back an hour (CST) in November when Montana would do so (MST), it would be 7:00AM (DST) in most of ND, 6:00AM (DST) in far western ND, and 5:00AM (MST) in eastern Montana. The people who live in Montana and drive an hour to work in North Dakota will have to get up at 3:00AM, leave for work at 4:00AM to get to work in ND by 7:00AM. How is this helping them get a decent night's sleep? How is this not disruptive to their children's sleep?

Losing one hour of sleep once a year may be disruptive but consider some of the ways children may lose sleep numerous times within a year: upset stomach, fighting parents, fighting siblings, thunderstorms, anticipation of an upcoming big event, stress of an exam, barking dogs, nightmares, injuries/illnesses, and here in western ND, the ever-present oil field trucks with engine brakes, clanging and roaring of working drilling rigs and fracking jobs, 24/7.

Changing time twice a year does not seem as potentially dangerous as many of the things people do on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis—speeding, drinking, smoking, driving drunk, unhealthy diets, lack of exercise, drug use, not using seatbelts, passing on hills, running stop signs, trying to beat the train, etc.

If North Dakota stays on DST year-round, in western ND, the winter sun will rise mid-morning, around 9:40-9:45AM. Kids will not only be on the bus in the dark for the entire trip to school, but they will be in class while it is still dark outside.

Please give HB 1371 a Do Not Pass recommendation. Thank you.

Shelly Ventsch
New Town, ND

2021 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1371

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1371
4/8/2021
Conference Committee

Relating to daylight saving time; and to provide an effective date
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Chairman Pyle:(3:00). Opened the conference committee.

Chairman Pyle: Present

Rep. Cory: Present

Rep. Nelson: Present

Sen. Heitkamp: Present

Sen. Kannianen: Present

Sen. Oban: Present

Discussion Topics:

- Senate amendments

Rep. Nelson: Made a motion to replace “day after” with “July 1 following” on page 1 line 13.

Sen. Heitkamp: Second the motion.

Rep. Nelson: Withdrew the motion.

Sen Heitkamp: Withdrew the second to the motion.

Rep. Cory: Made a motion the House accede and further amend 21.0928.01002.

Rep. Nelson: Second the motion.

Chairman Pyle: Yes

Rep. Cory: Yes

Rep. Nelson: Yes

Sen. Heitkamp: Yes

Sen. Kannianen: Yes

Sen. Oban: Yes

6-0-0 carried.

Rep. Nelson: Will carrier the bill for the House.

Sen. Heitkamp: Will be carrier for the Senate.

House Political Subdivisions Conference Committee

HB 1371

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Chairman Pyle: (3:08). Closed the hearing.

Carmen Hickle, Committee Clerk

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Conference Committee

April 8, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

That the House accede to the Senate amendments as printed on page 846 of the Senate Journal and page 1184 of the House Journal and that House Bill No. 1371 be further amended as follows:

Page 1, line 12, remove "thirtieth"

Page 1, line 13, replace "day after" with "July 1 following"

Page 1, line 13, after the first "the" insert "date the"

Renumber accordingly

Insert LC: 21.0928.01002
House Carrier: M. Nelson
Senate Carrier: Heitkamp

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1371: Your conference committee (Sens. Heitkamp, Kannianen, Oban and Reps. Pyle, Cory, M. Nelson) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1184, adopt further amendments as follows, and place HB 1371 on the Seventh order:

That the House accede to the Senate amendments as printed on page 846 of the Senate Journal and page 1184 of the House Journal and that House Bill No. 1371 be further amended as follows:

Page 1, line 12, remove "thirtieth"

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Renumber accordingly

HB 1371 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee
Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1371
4/15/2021
Conference committee

Relating to daylight saving time; and to provide an effective date

Chairman Pyle: (4:00). Opened the conference committee.

Chairman Pyle: Present

Rep. Cory: Present

Rep. Nelson: Present

Sen. Heitkamp: Present

Sen. Kannianen: Present

Sen. Oban: Present

Discussion Topics:

- Amendments

Rep. Pyle: Explained why the House would not accept the Senate amendment. 21.0928.01002.

Sen. Heitkamp: Stated they should just kill the bill. Return to the House if they don't like it they can kill it. Made a motion to send it back to the House with the Senate amendments – 21.0928.01002. The House will accede to Senate amendments.

Sen. Kannianen: Second the motion.

Chairman Pyle: Yes

Rep. Cory: Yes

Rep. Nelson: No

Sen. Heitkamp: Yes

Sen. Kannianen: Yes

Sen. Oban: Yes

5-1-0 carried.

Rep. Cory: Will carry the bill for the House.

Sen. Heitkamp: Will carry the bill for the Senate.

Rep. Pyle: (4:08). Adjourned the conference committee.

Carmen Hickle, Committee Clerk

**2021 HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES**

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1371 as (re) engrossed

House Political Subdivision Committee

- Action Taken** **HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments**
 HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments and further amend
 SENATE recede from Senate amendments
 SENATE recede from Senate amendments and amend as follows
- Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: Sen. Heitkamp Seconded by: Sen. Kannianen

Representatives		4-15		Yes	No		Senators		4-15		Yes	No
Chairman Pyle		P		X			Sen. Heitkamp	P			X	
Rep. Cory		P		X			Sen. Kannianen	P			X	
Rep. Nelson		P			N		Sen. Oban	P			X	
Total Rep. Vote							Total Senate Vote					

Vote Count Yes: 5 No: 1 Absent: 0

House Carrier Rep. Cory Senate Carrier Sen. Heitkamp

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1371: Your conference committee (Sens. Heitkamp, Kannianen, Oban and Reps. Pyle, Cory, M. Nelson) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1184 and place HB 1371 on the Seventh order.

HB 1371 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.