

2021 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HCR 3034

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 3034
2/12/2021

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to fully fund the biota water treatment plant for the northwest area water supply.

8:30 Chairman Delzer- Called the meeting to order for HB 3034

Representatives	P/A
Representative Jeff Delzer	P
Representative Keith Kempenich	A
Representative Bert Anderson	P
Representative Larry Bellew	P
Representative Tracy Boe	P
Representative Mike Brandenburg	P
Representative Michael Howe	P
Representative Gary Kreidt	A
Representative Bob Martinson	P
Representative Lisa Meier	P
Representative Alisa Mitskog	P
Representative Corey Mock	P
Representative David Monson	P
Representative Mike Nathe	P
Representative Jon O. Nelson	P
Representative Mark Sanford	P
Representative Mike Schatz	P
Representative Jim Schmidt	P
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	P
Representative Michelle Strinden	P
Representative Don Vigasaa	P

Discussion Topics:

- Government to paying what they said they would pay

8:32 Representative Monson Introduced and explained the bill

Additional written testimony: No written testimony

8:34 Chairman Delzer closed the hearing

Representative Schmidt- Made a motion for a Do Pass Place on Consent Calendar

Representative Monson- Second the motion

Further Discussion

8:35 Roll Call Vote;

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jeff Delzer	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	A
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Representative Tracy Boe	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Michael Howe	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	A
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y
Representative Jim Schmidt	Y
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y

Motion Carries 19-0-2

Representative Monson Will carry the bill

8:37 Chairman Delzer Closes the meeting for HB 3034

Risa Berube,

House Appropriations Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3034: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (19 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3034 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2021 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HCR 3034

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HCR 3034
3/25/2021

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to fully fund the biota water treatment plant for the northwest area water supply.

Hearing called to order, all senators are present: **Bell, Schaible Piepkorn, Roers, Patten, and Kreun.**

Senator Kreun Opened the hearing

Discussion Topics:

- Federal funding obligation for NAWS project
- Committee work

Paul Pittner, [9:03] City Council Member of Minot ND, testified in favor, #10620
Lance Gabe [9:09] ND Water Users Association, provided Oral testimony in favor

Senator J Roers [9:11] moved to DO PASS HCR 3034
Senator Piepkorn [9:11] seconded the motion

Senators	Vote
Senator Curt Kreun	Y
Senator Jim P. Roers	Y
Senator Dale Patten	Y
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jessica Unruh Bell	Y

The motion passes 6-0-0
Senator Piepkorn [9:12] will carry

Hearing adjourned [9:16]

Sheila Froehlich, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3034: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Kreun, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR
3034 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

Senate Energy & Transportation Committee**Chairman – Senator Curt Kruen****Testimony****By: Paul Pitner, City Council Member, City of Minot****Email: paul.pitner@minotnd.org****Phone: 701.500.3500****HCR 3034**

Good morning, Chairman Kruen and members of the Committee.

I'm Paul Pitner, and I am a member of the Minot City Council. Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 3034.

Since 2008, Minot has been a regional source of reliable, clean drinking water for many neighboring communities, including Kenmare, Berthold, Burlington, Sherwood, Des Lacs, Mohall, and Minot Air Force Base, as well as several commercial water suppliers.

That list of communities with access to clean drinking water will continue to grow when the Northwest Area Water Supply project is completed and water from Lake Sakakawea is utilized; to this point, the City of Minot has been providing water to our neighbors, but the continued drawdown of Minot's aquifers is not a sustainable long-term solution.

That's where NAWS comes in. Completing this project has been a long time coming for everyone involved.

NAWS was created in 1991. Construction began in 2002. A lawsuit by Manitoba was also filed in 2002. In 2017, a federal court ruled that NAWS could continue. Manitoba and the State of Missouri appealed that 2017 ruling, which led to a

settlement. In 2019, a court finally ended years of litigation and ruled that NAWS could proceed.

This project was intended to be funded on a cost-share basis, with 65% of the funds coming from federal sources and 35% coming from local funding. During the 17 years the project was held up in court, the State Water Commission has helped advance court-allowed portions of the project with state funds, and the City of Minot has covered the local share through a 1 percent city sales tax.

The international agreement with Manitoba required a biota treatment facility be built near Max. Construction is scheduled to start this spring, with an expected completion date of the end of 2023.

NAWS is vital for the long-term growth of north central North Dakota. We support the state of North Dakota's request that the federal government honor its obligation to fully fund the mandated biota treatment plant near Max.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to discuss the importance of HCCR 3034. On behalf of the Minot City Council, the City of Minot, and the communities we already serve with water, I urge you to support this resolution.

Thank you.