

2023 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HCR 3004

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Room JW327C, State Capitol

HCR 3004
1/19/2023

A concurrent resolution encouraging North Dakota citizens to purchase United States flags made out of hemp and manufactured in North Dakota.
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Chairman Thomas called to order 10:35 AM

Members present: Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Beltz, Representatives Christy, Fisher, Headland, Henderson, Kiefert, Olson, Prichard, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, VanWinkle.
Member absent: Representative Finley-DeVille

Discussion Topics:

- Hemp fabric
- Hemp processing

In favor:

Representative David Monson, District 19, Primary sponsor, #14493
Samantha Brunner, ND Agriculture Department (no written testimony)

Representative Olson moved a do pass.
Representative VanWinkle seconded.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Paul J. Thomas	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Josh Christy	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	AB
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Craig Headland	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Brandon Prichard	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	y

Motion passed 12-0-1

Representative Tveit will carry the bill.

Chairman Thomas closed the hearing 10:44 AM

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Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3004: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Thomas, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3004 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

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3/2/2023

A Concurrent resolution encouraging North Dakota citizens to purchase United States flags made out of hemp and manufactured in North Dakota.

8:31 AM Chairman Luick opened the meeting. Senators Hogan, Weston, Weber, Luick, Myrdal, and Lemm were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Hemp flags
- Committee action

8:32 AM Representative Monson, North Dakota State Legislator, District 19, introduced the bill and verbally testified in favor.

8:53 AM Senator Myrdal moved DO PASS HCR 3004.

8:53 AM Senator Weber seconded.

Roll call vote.

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0. DO PASS HCR 3004.

8:54 AM Senator Lemm will carry the bill.

8:54 AM Senator Luick closed the meeting.

Dave Owen, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3004: Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3004 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

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Representative David Monson
House District 19
Testimony for HCR 3004

Chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee, for the record I am Rep. David Monson from District 19 in far northeastern ND. I introduced this resolution for the District 21 legislators. They have a constituent who wants to make flags from hemp fiber. He is frustrated with the fact that most of our American flags are made in China out of inferior material that doesn't stand up to our weather.in ND. I've never met him or even talked to him, so I don't even know if his flag factory is still a dream or is actually in production. However, I applaud his idea and want to help him create an industry here in ND to promote the hemp fiber usage. Our farmers who want to grow hemp would benefit greatly from an industry such as this. Our main obstacle now to hemp production in ND is the lack of fiber usage. We have oil pressing facilities here but using the whole plant and byproducts would greatly improve the viability of the hemp production in ND. As many of you know, I have been the number one promoter of industrial hemp in ND since 1997. It is legal to grow hemp, but there are still too many hoops to jump through in my opinion. Industrial hemp has now been renamed to just hemp with the industrial portion of the name dropped. With that I will stand for any questions.