

2023 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SCR 4010

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

SCR 4010
2/16/2023

Designating the Winchester Model 1876 as ND's state firearm.

9:00 AM Chair Roers opened the hearing. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- ND symbol

Sen Myrdal, Dist 19, bill sponsor and testified in support with no written testimony.

Sen Cleary moved a DO PASS.

Sen Barta seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y

VOTE: YES – 6 NO – 0 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Estenson will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony:

Hunter Heck, Cavalier, ND, in support #20548

9:12 AM Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4010: State and Local Government Committee (Sen. K. Roers, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR
4010 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This resolution does not
affect workforce development.

2023 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

SCR 4010
3/9/2023

A concurrent resolution designating the Winchester Model 1876 as North Dakota's state firearm

3:30 PM Chairman Longmuir opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice Chairman Fegley, Rep. Hatlestad, Rep. Heilman, Rep. Holle, Rep. Jonas, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Motschenbacher, Rep. Ostlie, Rep. Rios, Rep. Toman, Rep. Warrey, Rep. Davis, and Rep. Hager.

Discussion Topics:

- Theodore Roosevelt's gun.

Senator Myrdal: Introduced the bill. No written testimony.

The hearing closed at 3:34 PM.

Rep. Holle moved a Do Pass;
Seconded by Rep. Heilman

Representatives	Vote
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	N
Representative Jayme Davis	N
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	N
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	N
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	N

Roll call vote: 9 No 5 Yes 0 Absent; motion carried.
Carrier: Rep. Holle

Additional written testimony:

Hunter Heck, Cavalier, ND. Testimony #22633
Adjourned at 3:38 PM

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4010: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Longmuir, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4010 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

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SCR 4010-In Favor

Chairman Roers, and members of the committee, thank you for considering this piece of legislation. My name is Hunter Heck. I am from Cavalier and currently enrolled at Valley City State University to pursue a degree History Education.

This resolution came to my mind when looking at official symbols from all fifty states one day and I noticed that nine states currently have an official "state firearm." The purpose for these it seems would be historical significance. For example, Utah's is the Colt 1911, which was designed by a famous resident of the state, John Browning. Then I quickly noticed that North Dakota was not on that list. I thought to myself, "what firearm could be significant to North Dakota?"

After doing some research, I found the Winchester Model 1876 since it was famously used by President Theodore Roosevelt when he lived out in the Badlands. Roosevelt had many firearms but he had a fondness for Winchesters. Of course only one could be narrowed down to one that he did use out here in North Dakota. There is, in fact, a photograph of him out on his land with the '76. I knew that had to be the one to make as North Dakota's official state firearm.

The purpose of this is simple, historical significance to perhaps our most famous resident. After all, we have Roosevelt on everything all over the state and soon he will have a Presidential Library built right out by Medora. I believe that Teddy wouldn't mind the '76 being symbolized.

Once again, thank you for considering this resolution and I highly encourage you to pass it in both chambers and on the Governor's desk

Sincerely, Hunter Heck

SCR 4010-In Favor

Chairman Longmuir, and members of the committee, thank you for taking up this piece of legislation. My name is Hunter Heck. I am from Cavalier and currently enrolled at Valley City State University going into History Education.

This resolution came to my mind back in January after looking at the official symbols of each U.S state and noticed that nine states currently have a "state firearm." The purpose of these it appears would be due to historical significance. For example, Utah's official state firearm is the Colt 1911, which was designed by a famous resident of that state, John Browning.

Then I quickly noticed that our state was not on that list and thought to myself, "what firearm could be significant to North Dakota?" After doing some research, I found the Winchester Model 1876 as it was used by President Theodore Roosevelt when he lived out in the Badlands starting in 1884. He had a love of firearms but was especially fond of the Winchester brand and had several of their rifles. Yet, he did in fact take the '76 out in the Badlands, according to the National Park Service, where there is a photo of him holding the rifle. After seeing this, I knew that this had to be our official state firearm.

The purpose of this is simple, historical significance to perhaps our most famous resident. After all, we have Roosevelt on everything all over the state and soon he will finally have a Presidential Library out by Medora. I believe that Teddy wouldn't mind the '76 being symbolized.

I highly urge this committee, and the House, the pass this resolution.

Sincerely, Hunter Heck