

1999 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SCR 4029

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4029

Page 1, line 2, after "state" insert "; and directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of removing the telecommunications local access transport area line in this state"

Page 1, after line 11, insert:

**"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of removing the telecommunications local access transport area line in this state; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly; and"

Renumber accordingly

1999 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

SCR 4029

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4029

House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 8, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	20
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jamie Stein</i>			

Minutes:

REP. BELTER Opened the hearing.

SEN. STEVE TOMAC, DIST. 31, Introduced the resolution. We introduced this resolution as we pondered what needs to be done with telecommunications in this state. We wondered what purpose the lata line has, or if it has a purpose after all these years. North Dakota has a lata and South Dakota doesn't. We thought the time has come to offer a study resolution that studies the existence and importance of the lata lines, and whether or not it would be any reason to encourage the FTC to remove the lata lines.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

COMMITTEE ACTION 3-15-99, Tape #1, Side A, Meter #0.4

SEN. TOMAC Appeared before the committee to present "hog house" amendments to this resolution, because there are new regulations to the communications system, regarding the lata

lines, which will pretty much be nonexistent, with that in mind, Bill Piper from Wild Life Society, approached me with the resolution before you. The new resolution encourages the United States Congress and the Wildlife Service to fully fund the in lieu of taxes that they take. There are funds within the Fish & Wildlife budget to pay these at a hundred percent. We thought this was an excellent idea, we only needed a carrier. This is the intent of the hog house resolution.

REP. GRANDE Made a motion to adopt the hog house amendment.

REP. GROSZ Second the motion. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

REP. GRANDE Made a motion for a DO PASS AS AMENDED.

REP. GROSZ Second the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

13 Yes            0 No            2 Absent

REP. GROSZ Was given the floor assignment.

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Date 3/15  
Roll call vote # 21

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4029

House HOUSE FINANCE & TAX Committee

- Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_
  - Conference Committee
- } Identify or check where appropriate

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

Action Taken DO PASS AS Amended

Motion Made By Rep Grande Seconded By Rep. Grosz

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER	✓		WINRICH	✓	
RENNERFELDT	✓				
CLARK	A				
FROELICH	✓				
GRANDE	✓				
GROSZ	✓				
HERBEL	✓				
KROEBER	✓				
MICKELSON	✓				
NICHOLAS	A				
RENNER	✓				
SCHMIDT	✓				
WARNER	✓				
WIKENHEISER	✓				

Total 13 0  
(Yes) (No)

Absent 2  
Floor Assignment Rep Grosz

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

DO NOT USE HIGHLIGHTER ON ANY FORMS

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4029, as engrossed: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SCR 4029 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "resolution" replace the remainder of the resolution with "urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Department of the Interior to budget for and make full entitlement payments under the refuge revenue sharing program.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service manages 62 national wildlife refuges in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota has more national wildlife refuges located within its borders than does any other state; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service owns and manages approximately 210,000 acres of wildlife refuges in fee and 250,000 acres of waterfowl production areas in fee in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota recognizes the value of these publicly owned lands as wildlife habitat and for wildlife dependent recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service refuge revenue sharing program payments to counties have steadily decreased from 100 percent of entitlement in 1980 to approximately 66 percent of entitlement in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service requested funding for a full entitlement in 1998, but the amount of the entitlement was reduced by the Department of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has not budgeted for full entitlement of the refuge revenue sharing program since 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, the deficit in refuge revenue sharing program payments represents a real economic hardship to many counties and citizens in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, the difference between full entitlement and actual payments made to counties in North Dakota for 1998 was approximately \$224,000; and

**WHEREAS**, local concerns over the deficit in refuge revenue sharing program payments creates opposition to United States Fish and Wildlife Service land acquisition, land management activities, and other Fish and Wildlife Service programs; and

**WHEREAS**, state agencies such as the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and organizations such as the North Dakota Wetlands Trust and the Nature Conservancy, which pay actual taxes on the lands they own or manage, suffer criticism of and opposition to their programs as the result of concerns over the refuge revenue sharing program deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interests of wildlife conservation, county government, local entities, landowners, and outdoor recreationists if the United States Fish and Wildlife Service made full refuge revenue sharing program payments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Department of the Interior to budget for and make full entitlement payments under the refuge revenue sharing program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the North Dakota Legislative Assembly urges the North Dakota Congressional Delegation to seek and support appropriations providing full entitlement payments for the refuge revenue sharing program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the Interior, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation."

Renumber accordingly

1999 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SCR 4029

Date:  
Roll Call Vote #:

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 408<sup>9</sup>

Senate INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

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

Action Taken ACCEDE TO H

Motion Made By HEITKAMP Seconded By ~~FRUECH~~ REINHELDT

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
<del>Senator Mather</del> KRESEBACH	X				
Senator Sand	X				
<del>Senator Krebsbach</del>					
<del>Senator Klein</del>					
<del>Senator Mathern</del>	X				
Senator Heitkamp					
<del>Senator Thompson</del>					
REP. REINHELDT	X				
REP. CLARK	X				
REP. FRUECH	X				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment KRESEBACH

(Bill Number) SCR 4029 (, as (re)engrossed):

Your Conference Committee

For the Senate:

	Yes	No
SEN. KREBSBACH	X	
SEN. SAND	X	
SEN. HEITKAMP	X	

For the House:

	Yes	NO
REP. RENNERFELDT	X	
REP. CLARK	X	
REP. FROELICH	X	

recommends that the (SENATE/HOUSE) (ACCEDE to) (RECEDE from)  
the (Senate/House) amendments on (SJ/HJ) page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

and place \_\_\_\_\_ on the Seventh order.

, adopt (further) amendments as follows, and place \_\_\_\_\_ on the Seventh order:

having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed.

((Re)Engrossed) \_\_\_\_\_ was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

LC NO. \_\_\_\_\_ of amendment

LC NO. \_\_\_\_\_ of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of purpose of amendment \_\_\_\_\_

(1) LC (2) LC (3) DESK (4) COMM.

Insert LC: .

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4029, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Krebsbach, Sand, Heitkamp and Reps. Rennerfeldt, Clark, Froelich) recommends that the **SENATE ACCEDE** to the House amendments on SJ page 739 and place SCR 4029 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed SCR 4029 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.