

2023 JOINT POLICY

SCR 4021

2023 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Policy Committee
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SCR 4021
10/23/2023

A concurrent resolution affirming support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel.
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10:30AM Co-Chairman Klein opened the hearing.

Members Present: Co-Chairman Klein, Senator Clemens, Senator Conley, Senator Elkin, Senator Hogan, Senator Kannianen, Senator Kessel, Senator Larson, Senator Lee, Senator Luick, Senator Patten, Senator Piepkorn, Senator Roers, Senator Wobbema Co-Chairman Thomas, Representative Anderson, Representative Dobervich, Representative Headland, Representative Heinert, Representative Kasper, Representative Klemin, Representative Koppelman, Representative Longmuir, Representative Louser, Representative Ruby, Representative Schauer, Representative Schneider, Representative Weisz.

Discussion Topics:

- Laws of War Definition
- Support for Israel
- Origination of language from Texas
- Protection of Palestinian American as well as Israeli Americans

10:31AM Senator Paulson presented and explained the bill. #28062.

10:35AM Rep Schneider offered verbal amendment to add Palestinian Americans, Page 2, Line 7.

10:41AM Joseph Sabag Executive Director, Israeli American Coalition for Action. Online Oral Testimony.

10:47AM Senator Hogan moved the amendment.

10:48AM Representative Schnieder seconded the motion.

10:49AM Roll call vote:

Senators	Vote	Representatives	Vote
Senator Jerry Klein	N	Representative Paul Thomas	N
Senator David Clemens	N	Representative Dick Anderson	N
Senator Cole Conley	N	Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Senator Jay Elkin	N	Representative Craig Headland	N
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y	Representative Pat Heinert	N
Senator Jordan Kannianen	N	Representative Jim Kasper	N
Senator Greg Kessel	N	Representative Lawrence Klemin	N

Senator Diane Larson	N	Representative Ben Koppelman	N
Senator Judy Lee	N	Representative Donald Longmuir	N
Senator Larry Luick	N	Representative Scott Louser	N
Senator Dale Patten	N	Representative Dan Ruby	N
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	N	Representative Austen Schauer	N
Senator Kristin Roers	N	Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Senator Michael Wobbema	N	Representative Robin Weisz	N

Motion failed 3-25-0. (House 1-13-0 Senate 2-12-0)

10:50AM Representative Schneider moved and amendment to add the language "in accordance with the laws for "on Page 2, Line 2 after the word commendation.

10:51AM Senator Hogan seconded the motion.

10:52AM Roll call vote:

Senators	Vote	Representatives	Vote
Senator Jerry Klein	N	Representative Paul Thomas	N
Senator David Clemens	N	Representative Dick Anderson	N
Senator Cole Conley	N	Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Senator Jay Elkin	N	Representative Craig Headland	N
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y	Representative Pat Heinert	N
Senator Jordan Kannianen	N	Representative Jim Kasper	N
Senator Greg Kessel	N	Representative Lawrence Klemin	N
Senator Diane Larson	N	Representative Ben Koppelman	N
Senator Judy Lee	N	Representative Donald Longmuir	N
Senator Larry Luick	N	Representative Scott Louser	N
Senator Dale Patten	N	Representative Dan Ruby	N
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	N	Representative Austen Schauer	N
Senator Kristin Roers	N	Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Senator Michael Wobbema	N	Representative Robin Weisz	N

Motion failed 3-25-0. (House 2-12-0 Senate 1-13-0)

10:54 AM Representative Koppelman moved a Do Pass.

10:54 AM Senator Larson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Senators	Vote	Representatives	Vote
Senator Jerry Klein	Y	Representative Paul Thomas	Y
Senator David Clemens	Y	Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y	Representative Gretchen Dobervich	N
Senator Jay Elkin	Y	Representative Craig Headland	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	N	Representative Pat Heinert	Y
Senator Jordan Kannianen	Y	Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Senator Greg Kessel	Y	Representative Lawrence Klemin	Y
Senator Diane Larson	Y	Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y	Representative Donald Longmuir	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y	Representative Scott Louser	Y
Senator Dale Patten	Y	Representative Dan Ruby	Y

Senator Merrill Piepkorn	N	Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y	Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Senator Michael Wobbema	Y	Representative Robin Weisz	Y

Motion carried 25-3-0. **(House 13-1-0 Senate 12-2-0)**

Senator Larson and Representative Klemin will carry the bill.

Co-Chairman Klein closed the hearing.

Carie Winings, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4021: Joint Policy Committee (Rep. Thomas, Co-Chairman) recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4021 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4021: Joint Policy Committee (Sen. Klein, Co-Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4021 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4021

Introduced by

Senators Paulson, Larson

Representative Rohr

1 A concurrent resolution affirming support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security,
2 and survival of the State of Israel.

3 **WHEREAS**, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel and
4 has been designated by the United States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Hamas terrorist organization launched a brutal, highly organized, and
6 unprecedented attack upon Israel and its citizens in the early morning hours of October 7, 2023;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, in its attack, Hamas killed hundreds of innocent civilians and took hundreds of
9 Israeli children, women, elderly, and infirm civilians hostage; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in its attack, Hamas fired thousands of rockets against Israeli population
11 centers in an attempt to kill untold numbers of innocent civilians; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the level of logistical sophistication demonstrated in this Hamas terrorism
13 operation indicates its receipt of support and funding from foreign state sponsors of terror,
14 namely Iran; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the timing of this Hamas terrorism operation to coincide with the observance of
16 the Jewish Sabbath and celebration of the Sukkoth holiday demonstrates the intent to maximize
17 civilian casualties; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Hamas continues to brazenly locate elements of its terrorist infrastructure in
19 civilian population centers using civilians as human shields;

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

22 That the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly hereby reaffirm its support and unwavering
23 commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly recognize Israel's
25 right to act decisively and unilaterally in self-defense to protect its citizens; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly express its
2 support for Israel's right to pursue without interference or condemnation, the elimination of
3 Hamas until Hamas is permanently neutralized and public safety is assured; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly convey its most
5 heartfelt condolences to all Israeli victims as well as their families and communities; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly call upon North
7 Dakota law enforcement to remain vigilant in protecting Israeli Americans, Jewish Americans,
8 and all supporters of Israel from acts of crime and unlawful discrimination that tends to manifest
9 at such times; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly encourage all
11 other American states to likewise condemn Hamas as well as any official body that refuses to
12 recognize Israel's right to act decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly call upon the
14 United States to provide all assistance as may be required to support Israel in its defense
15 against Hamas and all other terrorist organizations.