

ND House backtracks on tobacco measure change

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The Constitutional Revision Committee then gave the tobacco measure a do-not-pass recommendation.

The committee met this morning and took off the amendment it had passed Thursday that changed Andrist's measure to a political campaign restriction.

The issue is Senate Concurrent Resolution 4038, a constitutional amendment that Andrist, R-Crosby, wants to put before the voters next year asking them to set aside tobacco settlement funds for a variety of public health programs.

The restored version of SCR 4038 will likely go to a vote of the full House later today.

Andrist's plan would undo the initiated Measure 3 North Dakota voters approved last year, calling for millions of dollars per year to be spent in preventing and stopping tobacco use.