Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3058 (Representatives Warner, Belter, Koppang, Nicholas)

- A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the chemical application industry and develop a method for assessing or determining damage due to misapplication and for resolution of disputes through mediation.
- WHEREAS, the spraying of chemical pesticides is an important part of the agricultural commodity production process and is an important part of an integrated pest management process; and
- **WHEREAS**, if chemical pesticides are misapplied, the risk or damage to people, animals, crops, and the environment can rise to significant proportions; and
- **WHEREAS**, the advancement of technology surrounding the development of new chemical pesticides will increase their usage and consequently increase the risk or damage to people, animals, crops, and the environment; and
- WHEREAS, issues of liability and recovery for misapplication if resolved through the courts rather than through trained mediators can require a tremendous commitment of time and resources; and
- **WHEREAS**, agronomists, agricultural commodity groups, commercial chemical sprayers, and the insurance industry are parties that have an interest in resolving disputes arising from misapplication of chemical pesticides through developing a mediation process;

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

That the Legislative Council study the chemical application industry and develop a method for assessing or determining damage due to misapplication and for resolution of disputes through mediation; 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.

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