

**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**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4051

(Senator W. Stenehjem)

(Representative DeKrey)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the classification of criminal offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code.

WHEREAS, the last major review of criminal offenses was done during the 1973-74 interim, which resulted in a bill that amended 597 existing sections and repealed 245 existing sections of the code; and

WHEREAS, there are over 247 offenses classified as felonies, over 708 offenses classified as misdemeanors, and over 147 offenses classified as infractions; and

WHEREAS, the proper classification of offenses provides for equitable punishment based upon the elements of the offense committed; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate classification of offenses may result in more efficient use of state resources in determining levels of punishment, rehabilitation, and the appropriate alternatives to incarceration;

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

That the Legislative Council study the classification of criminal offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code; 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State