

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4003
(Legislative Council)
(North Dakota/South Dakota Commission)**

A concurrent resolution urging the State Board of Higher Education to continue to pursue collaborative efforts with the South Dakota Board of Regents.

WHEREAS, the State Board of Higher Education and the South Dakota Board of Regents have initiated discussion regarding cooperative ventures between the two university systems; and

WHEREAS, during the 1995-96 interim, the Legislative Council and the South Dakota Legislative Research Council established the North Dakota/South Dakota Commission to study and identify ways North Dakota and South Dakota can collaborate to deliver government services more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Higher Education and the South Dakota Board of Regents participated in the deliberations of the North Dakota/South Dakota Commission and identified several areas for potential cooperation between the university systems, including exploration of cooperative purchasing arrangements, implementation of joint student followup processes, development and improvement of research infrastructure and research capabilities, provision of services by the academic community to the public sector, distance education, development of information systems, and examination of reciprocity between the states for certain low enrollment programs;

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

That the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the State Board of Higher Education to continue to pursue collaborative efforts with the South Dakota Board of Regents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the State Board of Higher Education and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State