

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3034
(Representatives Sandvig, Weisz, Callahan)
(Senators Krauter, Nalewaja, Thane)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the impact of divorce on children and issues of equity and fairness as they relate to custody determinations, visitation orders, and child support obligations.

WHEREAS, 65 percent of the 1.2 million divorces in 1995 in the United States involved couples with minor children; and

WHEREAS, children of divorced parents are more likely to drop out of school, to have out-of-wedlock births, and to get divorced themselves than children from intact families; and

WHEREAS, a child has a right to be supported emotionally, physically, and financially by both parents regardless of the parents' marital status; and

WHEREAS, frequent and continuing access by a child to both parents after the divorce should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed that there are inequities in the enforcement of visitation orders for noncustodial parents and in the child support guidelines as they relate to parents who are obligors;

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

That the Legislative Council study the impact of divorce on children and issues of equity and fairness as they relate to custody determinations, visitation orders, and child support obligations; 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-sixth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State