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. 4042 (Senators St. Aubyn, Grindberg, Robinson) (Representatives R. Kelsch, Kretschmar, Wentz)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the use of "abuse," and "neglect," and "exploitation" in the North Dakota Century Code.

WHEREAS, the terms "abuse," "neglect," and "exploitation" are not defined consistently throughout the North Dakota Century Code; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed by private developmental disability providers regarding the lack of consistency in the application of the terms to the provider setting; and

WHEREAS, use of those terms should be compared to definitions used by other states and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, a need may exist to establish different grades or levels of severity of each term;

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

That the Legislative Council study the use of "abuse," "neglect," and "exploitation" in 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-sixth 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 ______, 1997,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State