

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. 4041

(Senators Lindaas, Thane)

(Representative Aarsvold)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the establishment of watershed districts to manage water based on watershed boundaries.

WHEREAS, the effective management of the state's water resources is essential to the health, prosperity, and general welfare of the citizens of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, most of the state's existing water resource political subdivisions are based upon political boundaries and not hydrologic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the state's rivers, streams, and watersheds do not correspond with existing political boundaries; and

WHEREAS, many watershedwide issues such as channel maintenance, upstream drainage, and drain maintenance extend across the boundaries of existing water-related political subdivisions and necessarily require watershedwide or regionwide solutions that smaller water-related political entities are incapable of providing;

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

That the Legislative Council study the establishment of watershed districts to manage water based on watershed boundaries; 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