

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. 4055
(Senator Andrist)
(Political Subdivisions Committee)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the potential for expansion of extended area telecommunications service.

WHEREAS, rural communities and schools in those communities are frequently restrained by the lack of toll-free telephone lines used for Internet access; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a shortage of extended area service opportunities to residents in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the loss of businesses and services in rural communities makes rural residents ever more dependent on long-distance service to communicate for their essential needs; and

WHEREAS, an alternative to current service is a tiered system providing add-ons to basic telephone service;

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

That the Legislative Council study the potential for expansion of extended area telecommunications service; 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