

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. 4019
(Senators B. Stenehjem, Solberg, St. Aubyn)
(Representatives Belter, Freier, Koppelman)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adequacy of transportation funding in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, traffic has caused increased demands of the entire transportation system. Approximately eighteen million miles are traveled daily on North Dakota streets and highways. The North American Free Trade Agreement has increased truck volumes as much as fifty percent in one year on certain segments of North Dakota highways; and

WHEREAS, the Devils Lake flooding situation has depleted transportation funds for all government agencies in the basin; and

WHEREAS, the Four Bears Bridge is beyond the funding capacity of the North Dakota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the existing funding mechanisms were established in a different era and have not kept up with our changing economy or demographics; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing pressure for the federal government to fund only a small portion of the transportation program in each state; and

WHEREAS, existing funding sources have not kept pace with inflation, increases in usage or cost of providing transportation infrastructure;

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

That the Legislative Council is directed to study the adequacy of existing, and the potential for new, funding sources to meet system needs for North Dakota's entire transportation infrastructure; 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