

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3063
(Representatives Meyer, Fairfield, Mueller)**

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to encourage the formation of new legislative or administrative initiatives that would provide farmers with crop insurance options that offer true revenue or income protection and which add hay or other grazable grasses to the scope of covered commodities, and to encourage the formation of new legislative or administrative initiatives that address the high cost of crop insurance coverage and specifically examine the percentage of farmers' premiums used to support the administration of crop insurance programs.

WHEREAS, farmers in this state and throughout the country have suffered devastating crop losses in recent years; and

WHEREAS, farm families and rural communities have, as a result of the crop losses, suffered an economic downturn similar to the farm crisis of the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, changes in national farm policy mean that farmers must assume more of their own farming risk; and

WHEREAS, shrinking profit margins and increasing risks are leading more farmers to recognize crop insurance as the last remaining safety net that can be tailored to fit their own risk management needs;

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

That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to encourage the formation of new legislative or administrative initiatives that would provide farmers with crop insurance options that offer true revenue or income protection and which add hay or other grazable grasses to the scope of covered commodities, and to encourage the formation of new legislative or administrative initiatives that address the high cost of crop insurance coverage and specifically examine the percentage of farmers' premiums used to support the administration of crop insurance programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State