

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. 3039
(Representatives Berg, Kempenich, Lemieux)**

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact legislation to return adequate funds to states to fund the employment security system and give a fair return to employers for the taxes employers pay under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

WHEREAS, employers pay a federal employment security tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act [68A Stat. 439; 26 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.] as a payroll tax that produces revenue dedicated solely to use in the federal-state employment security system; and

WHEREAS, employers' payroll taxes pay for administering the employment security system, providing veterans' reemployment assistance, and producing labor market information to assist in matching workers' skills with the employment needs of employers; and

WHEREAS, congressional appropriations have remained flat in Wagner-Peyser funding, despite adequate availability of funds from dedicated employer taxes because the Federal Unemployment Tax Act accounts are used for federal budget deficit reduction; and

WHEREAS, congressional appropriations have not kept pace with fixed costs of operating the employment security system, creating problems similar to the problems the gas tax creates for transportation; and

WHEREAS, states cannot support an infrastructure to administer the employment security system, provide veterans' reemployment assistance, and produce labor market information, without adequate, predictable resources; and

WHEREAS, delivering services with inadequate federal funding is a major challenge facing the State of North Dakota and Job Service North Dakota;

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 enact legislation to return adequate funds to states to fund the employment security system and give a fair return to employers for the taxes employers pay under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the news media of North Dakota, 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