

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3035

Introduced by

Representatives Lemieux, Meyer

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Environmental Protection Agency and the Congress of the
2 United States to increase resources for and efforts of the U.S.-Canada Technical Working
3 Group to harmonize pesticide regulations between the two countries, to commit more resources
4 and efforts toward establishing tolerances for pesticides registered for use in Canada but not in
5 the United States, and to accept registration data currently accepted by Canadian officials in
6 support of Canadian pesticide registrations.

7 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that North Dakota become the
8 trusted provider of the highest-quality food in the world with prosperous family farms, thriving
9 rural communities, and world-class stewardship of resources. It is further the intent of the
10 Legislative Assembly to significantly increase net farm income, improve the quality of rural life,
11 and increase North Dakota's rural population; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly seeks to achieve these goals by making North
13 Dakota agriculture products synonymous with high quality, dominating the premium markets;
14 increasing value-added agricultural processing; diversifying and increasing the value of
15 agricultural production; increasing farm and nonfarm cooperation that supports thriving rural
16 communities and enhances our natural resources; and creating a political, regulatory,
17 economic, trade, financial, and natural resource environment in which North Dakota producers
18 can compete in the global marketplace; and

19 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota farmers are forced to compete with farmers from other
20 countries, especially Canada, who are able to use pesticide products that are not registered for
21 use in the United States; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Canadian pesticides are often available at substantially reduced prices in
23 formulations that are almost identical to those available to North Dakota producers but are not
24 registered for use in the United States. As a result, North Dakota farmers are unable to realize
25 similar savings and are at a competitive disadvantage; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency needs to put more resources into the
2 harmonization of the registration of crop protection chemicals with Canada; and

3 **WHEREAS**, use of Canadian registration data by the Environmental Protection Agency
4 could accelerate its registration process for appropriate crop protection chemicals;

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

7 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Environmental Protection Agency
8 and the Congress of the United States to increase resources for and efforts of the U.S.-Canada
9 Technical Working Group to harmonize pesticide regulations between the two countries, to
10 commit more resources and efforts toward establishing tolerances for pesticides registered for
11 use in Canada but not in the United States, and to accept registration data currently accepted
12 by Canadian officials in support of Canadian pesticide registrations; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
14 resolution to the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, to the chairmen of the House
15 and Senate Committees on Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota
16 Congressional Delegation.