

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4034
(Senators Kroeplin, Klein, Tomac)
(Representatives Aarsvold, Brandenburg, Nicholas)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the farm cooperative business structure to determine how it may be used to expand dairy and livestock production to enhance rural economic development.

WHEREAS, North Dakota's rural population reached its peak in the decade of the 1920s and has been on a continuous decline and is still declining; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota ranks fourth in the nation in the percentage of economic base derived from agriculture at thirty-eight percent; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five percent of North Dakota's population is employed directly by agriculture or in an agriculture-related business, and the state must recognize that the health of the agricultural economy cannot be left to chance; and

WHEREAS, livestock production annually generates about ninety million dollars in direct impact to the North Dakota economy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has a competitive advantage over other livestock areas because of the availability of plentiful feed supplies;

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

That the Legislative Council study the farm cooperative business structure to determine how it may be used to expand dairy and livestock production to enhance rural economic development; 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-seventh 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 _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State