

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3020

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Byerly, Wald

Senators Christmann, Espegard, Fischer

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to promote private
2 access to and private development on lands it owns and manages around Lake Sakakawea.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Pick-Sloan Project, as authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944, as
4 amended, provides major flood control benefits, recreational benefits, water supply benefits,
5 hydropower benefits, and navigational benefits for the downstream states of Iowa, Nebraska,
6 Missouri, and Kansas through construction of large reservoirs in states lying upstream from
7 these states; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Pick-Sloan Project reservoirs have been in place for many years, thus
9 providing the states downstream from the Missouri River Basin all the benefits promised in the
10 Pick-Sloan Project; and

11 **WHEREAS**, construction of facilities under the Pick-Sloan Project has, to date, resulted
12 in over \$16.7 billion of flood protection to downstream interests and has allowed these
13 downstream interests to develop the original floodplain of the Missouri River for industrial,
14 municipal, and agricultural uses; and

15 **WHEREAS**, under the Pick-Sloan Project, North Dakota sacrificed over 550,000 acres
16 of land which has meant the permanent loss of 2,641 jobs, \$45 million of annual personal
17 income, and \$131 million of annual gross business volume; and

18 **WHEREAS**, most of the land surrounding Lake Sakakawea, which was created by
19 Garrison Dam, is owned by the federal government and managed by the United States Army
20 Corps of Engineers; and

21 **WHEREAS**, promoting private access and private development of this land would
22 enhance this resource for the citizens of North Dakota;

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

1 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of
2 Engineers to promote private access to and private development on lands it owns and manages
3 around Lake Sakakawea; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
5 resolution to the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Interior; the Division Engineer,
6 Northwestern Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the District Engineer, Omaha
7 District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; each member of the State
8 Water Commission; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.