

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009
(Senators Heitkamp, Nichols)
(Representatives Solberg, Warner)

A concurrent resolution urging the President and Congress to allow the states to govern and determine the conditions under which travel and other activities may be conducted on the national grasslands.

WHEREAS, the national grasslands comprise nearly 4,000,000 acres of publicly owned lands and are administered by the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service is the largest land management entity in North Dakota and administers three national grasslands in the state, the Little Missouri National Grassland, the Sheyenne National Grassland, and the Cedar River National Grassland; and

WHEREAS, the national grasslands in the state total 1,105,000 acres, which is forty-six percent of all federal land in North Dakota and two percent of the land area of the entire state; and

WHEREAS, some leading environmental and animal rights organizations have blatantly misled many American people about the effects of travel and other activities on national grasslands; and

WHEREAS, because of the importance of these lands to the state and because the state is in the best position to govern these lands and determine the rules under which travel and other activities should be permitted on the national grasslands;

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

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the President and the Congress of the United States to allow the states to govern and determine the conditions under which travel and other activities may be conducted on the national grasslands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the chief of the United States Forest Service, the supervisor of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands office, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State