

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3015
(Representatives Weisz, DeKrey, Nelson)
(Senator Klein)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the separation of powers between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches and the distinction between the responsibilities of each branch.

WHEREAS, Section 26 of Article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota provides that the legislative, executive, and judicial branches are co-equal branches of government; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of the power of the people to propose and enact laws by the initiative, the sole legislative power of the state is vested in the Legislative Assembly, the judicial power of the state is vested in the courts, and the the administrative power of the state is vested in the executive branch; and

WHEREAS, the thoughtful and prudent exercise of these powers by each of these separate and coequal branches, with due respect and consideration for authority and responsibility of the other, is in the best interest of the people;

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

That the Legislative Council study the separation of powers between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches and the distinction between the responsibilities of each branch; 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-eighth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State