

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014
(Senators Krauter, G. Nelson, Robinson)
(Representatives Boucher, Niemeier, Sandvig)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adoption laws of this state and other states.

WHEREAS, adoption is the process by which a legal parent-child relationship is created between individuals who are not biologically parent and child; and

WHEREAS, adoption law is established and governed in large part by the states; and

WHEREAS, all 50 states have statutes governing adoption; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota adoption law provides for notice requirements, waiting periods, and residency requirements that are different from the provisions of adoption laws in neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, to ensure placement of children in need of homes with families, it is important that the adoption process supports the needs of all individuals involved and that the process is as efficient and cost-effective as possible;

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

That the Legislative Council study the adoption laws of this state and other states; 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.

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