

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3034

Introduced by

Representative Boucher

Senator Cook

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to eliminate the Social Security disability insurance
2 offset and supplemental security insurance offset for recipients of workers' compensation
3 benefits.

4 **WHEREAS**, employees who are injured and dependents of employees who are killed in
5 the course of working for North Dakota employers receive workers' compensation benefits; and

6 **WHEREAS**, more than 700 employees or dependents who receive workers'
7 compensation benefits also qualify for Social Security disability insurance benefits if the
8 employees are totally disabled and supplemental security insurance benefits based on financial
9 need; and

10 **WHEREAS**, federal law [42 U.S.C. 424a] provides for a reduction in Social Security
11 disability insurance benefits to those persons who are totally disabled and who receive workers'
12 compensation benefits; and

13 **WHEREAS**, federal law [42 U.S.C. 1382a] provides for a reduction in supplemental
14 security insurance benefits to those persons who receive workers' compensation benefits
15 notwithstanding the financial need of those people and their families; and

16 **WHEREAS**, no other federal program reduces benefits due to the fact that recipients
17 also receive benefits under state programs;

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

20 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
21 eliminate the Social Security disability insurance offset and supplemental security insurance
22 offset for recipients of workers' compensation benefits; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
24 resolution to the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration and to each member of the
25 North Dakota Congressional Delegation.