

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4046
(Senators Tomac, Cook, Freborg)
(Representatives Mahoney, Porter, Wrangham)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study issues related to the Missouri River in this state.

WHEREAS, the Flood Control Act of 1944, as amended, assured benefits to all 10 states within the Missouri River Basin under a control and management program that came to be commonly known as the Pick-Sloan Project; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has directed the United States Army Corps of Engineers to build, operate, and maintain all the features of the Pick-Sloan Project; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri River is a resource of significant value to multiple interests, including recreation and fishing, camping, boating, water supply, economic development, industrial, irrigation, and aesthetic preservation interests; and

WHEREAS, a long-term strategic plan for the Missouri River should be developed by the state and local officials in this state for the benefit of future generations of state residents; and

WHEREAS, the BOMMM (Burleigh, Oliver, Morton, Mercer, and McLean Counties) Joint Water Resource Board is sponsoring the Missouri River Coordinated Resource Management Program to bring all Missouri River stakeholders together for communication, coordination, and consensus on issues critical to the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri River Coordinated Resource Management Program has a technical group, which is developing a geographic information system for the Missouri River in this state, and a vision group, which is developing a comprehensive plan for the Missouri River in this state; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted the Missouri River Protection and Improvement Act of 2000 to reduce siltation of the Missouri River in the state of North Dakota, to meet the objectives of the Pick-Sloan Project by developing and implementing a long-term strategy concerning critical Missouri River issues, and to develop and finance new programs to implement a long-term strategy for the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, there are many issues that must be addressed in the development of a long-term strategic plan for the Missouri River, including land use, bank stabilization, endangered species, recreation, conservation of natural areas, woodland, riparian wetland, agriculture and irrigation, delta formation, and other issues;

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

That the Legislative Council study issues related to the Missouri River in this state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include an examination of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin program; the United States Army Corps of Engineer's master plan; land and natural resource, water management, bank stabilization, and land use issues; and development of a long-range vision for the Missouri River in this state; 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