

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3062
(Representatives Boucher, Carlson, Herbel, Kerzman, Price)
(Senator Krauter)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study issues relating to the high and rising cost of prescription drugs in the United States and inequitable prescription drug pricing in the United States and possible methods of containing prescription drug costs.

WHEREAS, rising prescription drug costs in the United States have significant financial impacts on insured individuals, Medicare recipients, state and federal Medicaid expenditures, and uninsured individuals; and

WHEREAS, high costs of prescription drugs result in individuals taking their medication every other day, taking their medication in half doses, cutting back on necessary winter home heating, and cutting back on necessary food; and

WHEREAS, the inequities in prescription drug costs in Canada, Mexico, and the United States are not consistent with the intent of the North American Free Trade Act; and

WHEREAS, several states have initiated programs to address the affordability of prescription drugs, including Maine's Main Rx program and Indiana's Hoosier Rx and several states have introduced legislation to address the issue of affordability of prescription drugs, including Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio;

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

That the Legislative Council study issues relating to the high and rising cost of prescription drugs in the United States and inequitable prescription drug pricing in the United States and possible methods of containing prescription drug costs; 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