

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3064
(Representatives Ekstrom, Fairfield, Jensen)
(Senator Heitkamp)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study workers' compensation fraud by employers, employees, attorneys, health care providers, and rehabilitation service providers in order to identify the financial impact of such fraud on the North Dakota workers' compensation fund, the most appropriate method of addressing such fraud, and the cost of addressing such fraud.

WHEREAS, nationally, workers compensation bureaus estimate that up to one-fourth of workers' compensation cases involve fraud by an employer, involved professional such as a physician or attorney, or an injured worker; and

WHEREAS, workers' compensation fraud results in increases in employer premiums and methods employers use to offset these premium increases include reduced employee benefits such as lower or no pay raises and reduced health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly recognized the impact of fraud and enacted legislation in 1995 to create a workers' compensation fraud unit; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$623,928 to workers' compensation for the fraud unit and the unit expects to recover \$7,752,091 during the 1999-2001 biennium;

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

That the Legislative Council study workers' compensation fraud by employers, employees, attorneys, health care providers, and rehabilitation service providers in order to identify the financial impact of such fraud on the North Dakota workers' compensation fund, the most appropriate method of addressing such fraud, and the cost of addressing such fraud; 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