

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3071
(Representatives R. Kelsch, Boehm, Porter, Renner)
(Senators Cook, Tomac)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to encourage the individuals and entities who received advance payments from the members of the Mandan High School Band and their families to make every possible effort to refund the payments or to otherwise provide compensation for the financial losses incurred by the band members and their families in preparation for their trip to Ireland.

WHEREAS, the Mandan High School Band had intended to travel to Ireland on March 11, 2001, and appear in the 2001 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the cost per student was in excess of \$1,625 and the band's total advanced expenses for airfare, lodging, and food exceeded \$169,000; and

WHEREAS, each of the band members worked long and hard to raise funds necessary to offset the inherent costs of the trip and the families of band members were obligated to make up the difference between the amount generated through fundraising efforts and the actual cost of the trip; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 St. Patrick's Day Parade was canceled because of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Europe and the trip to Ireland was canceled in recognition of the high risk that the foot and mouth disease could be transported back to the United States and if so transported, could decimate the livestock industry in this state and country; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Mandan High School Band and their families need to be commended for their maturity and wisdom in understanding the value of this state's and this country's livestock industry; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Mandan High School Band and their families have incurred significant financial loss as a result of the trip's cancellation and their inability to be reimbursed for any advanced payments;

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

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to encourage the individuals and entities who received advanced payments from the members of the Mandan High School Band and their families to make every possible effort to refund the payments or to otherwise provide compensation for the financial losses incurred by the band members and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of Ireland, the United States Ambassador to Ireland, the Irish Ambassador to the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner, the North Dakota Farm Bureau, the North Dakota Farmer's Union, the North Dakota Beef Commission, the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Cattlemen's Beef Board, the United States Meat Export Federation, the American National Cattlemen, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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