

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3072
(Representatives Boucher, Brekke, Nicholas)
(Senator Traynor)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to raise the rail elevation near Devils Lake to keep freight and passenger routes open in response to flooding.

WHEREAS, the rising water level of Devils Lake threatens to interrupt freight and passenger traffic by inundating Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway's roadbed at locations between Devils Lake and Leeds in the vicinity of Churchs Ferry; and

WHEREAS, a branch line from Churchs Ferry to Rolla will be isolated if the water level of Devils Lake substantially rises; and

WHEREAS, as of March 30, 2001, the National Weather Service projects a 20 percent chance of the lake level rising to 1,449 feet before September 25, 2001, and any higher level would inundate the track; and

WHEREAS, the track may be raised three feet for an estimated cost of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the economy of the state that rail service be maintained;

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 Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway raise the rail elevation near Devils Lake to keep freight and passenger routes open in response to flooding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway 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