

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018
(Senators G. Nelson, Lyson, C. Nelson)
(Representatives Carlisle, DeKrey, Mahoney)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the commitment procedures contained in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 25-03.1 and the commitment laws from other states to determine if North Dakota law sufficiently addresses the treatment needs of controlled substance abusers in this state, to study the mandatory minimum sentence requirements of North Dakota Century Code Chapter 19-03.1 and the mandatory minimum sentencing laws from other states and the federal government relating to drug offenders, and to study the need for legislation to assist in the cooperative efforts of state, local, and federal agencies to combat unlawful drug use and abuse in this state.

WHEREAS, concerns exist with the escalation of methamphetamine and other controlled substance use and the adequacy of the commitment laws to deal with this problem; and

WHEREAS, questions exist regarding the effectiveness of the mandatory minimum sentencing requirements for controlled substance violations and whether amendments to those laws would assist in combating illegal drug trafficking and usage in this state; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that the issues relating to unlawful drug trafficking and usage in this state be addressed by a cooperative effort among state and local agencies, private businesses, schools, families, and all other groups and individuals dedicated to the reduction and the elimination of unlawful drug use in this state;

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

That the Legislative Council study the commitment procedures of North Dakota Century Code Chapter 25-03.1 and the commitment laws from other states to determine if North Dakota law sufficiently addresses the treatment needs of controlled substance abusers in this state, study the mandatory minimum sentence requirements of North Dakota Century Code Chapter 19-03.1 and the mandatory minimum sentencing laws from other states and the federal government relating to drug offenders, and study the need for legislation to assist in the cooperative efforts of state, local, and federal agencies to combat unlawful drug use and abuse 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