

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4029
(Senators Kelsh, Every, Tomac)
(Representative Gulleason)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to eliminate the marriage penalty.

WHEREAS, marriage is recognized throughout the nation as a valuable and important social institution; and

WHEREAS, families today struggle with the high costs of raising children; and

WHEREAS, our current tax code imposes a tax penalty on married couples, often referred to as a marriage penalty; and

WHEREAS, the current marriage penalty in some cases encourages married couples to divorce to avoid taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current marriage penalty in some cases discourages single persons from becoming married; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton vetoed the Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000 which sought to address the marriage tax penalty; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Earl Pomeroy voted to sustain President Clinton's veto of the Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Earl Pomeroy has proposed federal legislation by introducing HR 5171 in the 106th Congress, second session, to address the marriage tax penalty;

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

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to support and pass legislation to eliminate the marriage tax penalty so that families will not be punished under the tax code, those who chose to become married will not be encouraged to dissolve their marriage to avoid federal taxes, and those who are contemplating marriage will not resolve to remain unmarried because of the marriage tax penalty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Senate and House of Representatives minority and majority leaders and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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