

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3037
(Representatives Mahoney, Onstad, Wikenheiser)
(Senators Tomac, Urlacher, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of creating cost-sharing or funding mechanisms for the unexpected discovery of cultural or paleontological resources within local road projects.

WHEREAS, the unexpected discovery of cultural or paleontological resources after a local road project has begun can create an enormous fiscal burden on the local road authority; and

WHEREAS, the local road authority has almost no control over the extent of investigation that results and has few options except termination or redesign of the project upon discovery of unexpected cultural or paleontological resources; and

WHEREAS, a cost-sharing or funding mechanism including appropriate state agencies and the local road authority would diffuse the risk of unexpectedly discovering cultural or paleontological resources;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of creating cost-sharing or funding mechanisms for the unexpected discovery of cultural or paleontological resources within local road projects; 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