

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3041

Introduced by

Representatives Lemieux, Fairfield, Mueller

Senators Kroeplin, O'Connell, Solberg

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to hold hearings regarding pricing structures and
2 practices within the agricultural sector, giving particular attention to wheat prices, and to initiate
3 an investigation by the United States Department of Justice regarding the pricing structures and
4 practices within the agricultural sector, giving particular attention to the organizational structure
5 of and relationships between large corporate participants in the purchasing and pricing of
6 agricultural commodities, especially wheat and grains.

7 **WHEREAS**, agriculture is the principal industry in this state; and

8 **WHEREAS**, agriculture is the foundation upon which our heritage is built; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the agricultural community has served to make this state the most
10 family-focused state in the union; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the agricultural community has been negatively affected by erratic pricing
12 structures for agricultural commodities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the agricultural community has been negatively affected by industries
14 whose practices frequently appear to violate the federal antitrust laws; and

15 **WHEREAS**, pricing structures and practices within the agricultural sector often result in
16 returns to farmers that are below the actual cost of production; and

17 **WHEREAS**, our congressional representatives need to examine the pricing structures
18 and practices within the agricultural sector and their relationship to federal agriculture
19 payments;

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

22 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
23 hold hearings regarding pricing structures and practices within the agricultural sector, giving
24 particular attention to wheat prices, and to initiate an investigation by the United States
25 Department of Justice regarding the pricing structures and practices within the agricultural

1 sector, giving particular attention to the organizational structure of and relationships between
2 large corporate participants in the purchasing and pricing of agricultural commodities, especially
3 wheat and grains; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
5 resolution to the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the chairman of the House
6 Agriculture Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.