

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4038

(Senators Wanzek, Erbele, Klein)
(Representatives Nelson, Nicholas)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the benefits and risks associated with the use of contracts in agricultural production, including growing and sales provisions, labor arrangements, chemical usage, and provisions necessitated by emerging technologies.

WHEREAS, since World War II, agriculture has become bigger, more intensive, and more specialized both in developed and in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, modern agriculture is being shaped by many of the same technologies that are transforming other industries; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers are expected to respond to market forces, produce an abundance of cheap food, maintain concern for the environment, and look after rural landscapes, the welfare of animals, and the health of consumers; and

WHEREAS, global competition and new technologies are forging new relationships within and between different layers of agribusiness and transforming what was once a very simple process into a very complex legal undertaking;

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

That the Legislative Council study the benefits and risks associated with the use of contracts in agricultural production, including growing and sales provisions, labor arrangements, chemical usage, and provisions necessitated by emerging technologies; 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