

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4002
(Legislative Council)
(Judiciary B Committee)**

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to pay for depredation, personal injury damage, and property damage caused by elk that move from the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

WHEREAS, in 1985 the National Park Service brought 47 elk to this state and located the elk in the south unit of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the North Dakota Game and Fish Department counted a total of 410 elk in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

WHEREAS, the high number and nature of elk within the park results in elk, especially bull elk, leaving the park; and

WHEREAS, elk cause severe depredation to planted crops and stored feed of the agricultural producers in close proximity to the park; and

WHEREAS, elk may be involved in motor vehicle crashes injuring people and property; and

WHEREAS, elk that leave the Theodore Roosevelt National Park can be identified by ear tags, microchips, and other means;

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

That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to pay for depredation, personal injury damage, and property damage caused by elk that move from the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution, by certified mail with return receipt, to the director of the National Park Service, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, 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 _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State