

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009  
(Senators Krauter, Nichols, Urlacher)  
(Representatives Mueller, Nicholas)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Department of Agriculture to fully implement the conservation security program of the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act in order to assist farmers with the cost of conserving vital agricultural resources.

**WHEREAS**, the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act established the conservation security program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the conservation security program is to assist producers of agricultural operations in promoting conservation and improving the quality of soil, water, air, and plant and animal life; and

**WHEREAS**, the conservation security program covers the costs of adopting new management, vegetation, and land-based structural practices, as well as costs for maintaining existing land management and vegetative practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the conservation security program will reward farmers who are already doing a good job of conserving their farmland and will provide incentives for implementing new practices that will further improve land stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, enrollment by farmers, ranchers, and landowners in the conservation security program was anticipated to deliver \$2 billion over 10 years as scored by the congressional budget office; and

**WHEREAS**, concern exists over the potential for the Congress to renege on its earlier spending commitment for the conservation security program; and

**WHEREAS**, the conservation security program was designed as a national program available to all producers;

**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 United States Department of Agriculture to fully implement the conservation security program of the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act in order to assist farmers with the cost of conserving vital agricultural resources; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State