

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3015

(Representatives M. Klein, Bellew, Price)

(Senators Fischer, Krebsbach, O'Connell)

A concurrent resolution expressing the legislative assembly's support for construction of the Northwest Area Water Supply Project and delivery of water to eastern North Dakota.

WHEREAS, many areas and localities in northwestern North Dakota do not enjoy safe drinking water, and the water in these areas and localities contains iron, sulfates, alkali, salt, nitrates, fluoride, and other hazardous and discoloring substances; and

WHEREAS, many areas and localities in northwestern North Dakota do not have sufficient quantities of water to ensure a dependable, long-term supply; and

WHEREAS, supplementation of the water resources of northwestern North Dakota with water supplies from the Missouri river, utilizing a pipeline transmission and delivery system, may be the only alternative to provide northwestern North Dakota with a safe, good quality, dependable source, and adequate quantity of water; and

WHEREAS, the Red River basin needs a dependable supply of water for the cities of Fargo and Grand Forks, smaller communities, rural water systems, industry, agricultural processing, manufacturing, and other purposes, and to protect and enhance economic stability and quality of life for the growing population of the Red River basin; and

WHEREAS, failure to provide a dependable long-term water supply will jeopardize future economic opportunities dependent on water, including industry, agricultural processing, manufacturing, municipal growth, recreation, and fish and wildlife in the Red River basin and thus adversely affect the entire state;

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

That the fifty-eighth legislative assembly expresses its support for construction of the Northwest Area Water Supply Project and delivery of water to eastern North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, State Engineer, each member of the State Water Commission, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Reclamation, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, the Premier of the Province of Manitoba, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State