

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026  
(Representative Monson)  
(Senator Trenbeath)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the use of E85 fuel by the state.

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans consume approximately 373 million gallons of gasoline each year and approximately 20 percent of that gallonage contains 10 percent ethanol; and

**WHEREAS**, the size of North Dakota's ethanol market is therefore in the range of 8 million gallons per year and the state's existing production capacity is in the range of 30 million gallons annually; and

**WHEREAS**, excess ethanol is marketed in other states; and

**WHEREAS**, ethanol is a homegrown fuel that helps the nation to become independent from imported oil and helps the nation's balance of trade; and

**WHEREAS**, ethanol is made from corn, a renewable resource, and a crop grown in abundance in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has the capacity to produce 10.5 million gallons of ethanol annually, utilizing 4 million bushels of corn; and

**WHEREAS**, ethanol is available in either a lower-level blend, 10 percent, or a high-level blend, 85 percent, and corn-based E85 fuel has been found to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 39 to 46 percent when compared to gasoline; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has directed the Department of Transportation to use a 10 percent ethanol-blended fuel in the state's 2,300-vehicle fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, ethanol production adds up to 30 cents to every bushel of corn and produces a nutritious livestock byproduct; and

**WHEREAS**, farmers benefit from the production of ethanol not only from higher corn prices but also from collective enterprises to build ethanol production facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, value-added agriculture enterprises create new jobs and help the state's farmers add substantial value to their crops;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of the use of E85 by the state; 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-ninth Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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Secretary of State