

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Representatives D. Johnson, Nicholas

Senator Traynor

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to reimburse property
2 owners for land inundated by Devils Lake, reimburse the city of Devils Lake for municipal water
3 lines inundated by Devils Lake, and to provide funding for a state outlet from Devils Lake.

4 **WHEREAS**, business owners and homeowners adversely impacted by the rising flood
5 waters of Devils Lake were able to use flood insurance proceeds and Federal Emergency
6 Management Agency funds to relocate their homes and businesses; and

7 **WHEREAS**, property owners, including farmers and ranchers, that have been adversely
8 impacted by the rising flood waters of Devils Lake have not received funds to reimburse them
9 for their losses; and

10 **WHEREAS**, at least seven miles of a pipeline that supplies municipal drinking water to
11 the city of Devils Lake has been inundated by the rising flood waters of Devils Lake making it
12 impossible to service the pipeline which jeopardizes the drinking water supply for the city of
13 Devils Lake; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the city of Devils Lake is being challenged to meet stricter drinking water
15 standards for arsenic; and

16 **WHEREAS**, obtaining a new and reliable source of drinking water for the city of Devils
17 Lake may cost as much as \$30 million; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the United States Army Corp of Engineers has released its plans for a
19 federal outlet to Devils Lake but the cost of constructing the federal outlet has increased
20 dramatically; and

21 **WHEREAS**, it would be more economically feasible for the federal government to fund
22 the state outlet;

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

1 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to appropriate sufficient
2 funds to reimburse property owners for land inundated by Devils Lake, reimburse the city of
3 Devils Lake for municipal water lines inundated by Devils Lake, and to provide funding for a
4 state outlet from Devils Lake; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
6 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.