

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3034
(Representative DeKrey)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the civil commitment laws of North Dakota, chapter 25-03.1, court decisions concerning civil commitment, and the civil commitment laws of the other states.

WHEREAS, the North Dakota civil commitment law, codified as chapter 25-03.1, was enacted in 1977 and has not received a comprehensive review since 1993; and

WHEREAS, treatment practices and services for both substance abuse and mental illness have changed markedly in that time with many more services being delivered at the community level; and

WHEREAS, the current North Dakota civil commitment law requires cooperation and coordination between diverse entities within the state, including the Department of Human Services, state's attorneys and law enforcement, as well as other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, with the changes in practice, research, and need in North Dakota, it would be timely to perform a comprehensive study of chapter 25-03.1 and to recommend changes to the law to reflect the evolution of treatment practices and services;

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

That the Legislative Council study the civil commitment laws of North Dakota, chapter 25-03.1, court decisions concerning civil commitment, and the civil commitment laws of other states; 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.

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