

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senator Nichols

Representative Onstad

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study proposed legislation permitting
2 the Game and Fish Department to coordinate with game and fish programs conducted by the
3 tribal governments of the federally recognized Indian tribes in North Dakota.

4 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota has established a game and fish department to
5 manage the wild game and fish within the state; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the various tribal governments of the federally recognized Indian tribes
7 within North Dakota assert a federally recognized right to regulate hunting and fishing within the
8 reservations set aside for their benefit and have also established game and fish departments
9 that assist in that regulation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, various issues have arisen between the state game and fish department
11 and the Indian tribes regarding such issues as jurisdiction, recognition of tribal and state
12 hunting and fishing permits, and coordination of activities such as hunting and fishing seasons,
13 among others, and it would be desirable to resolve these issues if at all possible; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it would be mutually beneficial for the state of North Dakota and the tribal
15 governments to work cooperatively to effectively manage the wild game and fish that exist
16 within North Dakota;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study proposed legislation permitting the Game and Fish
20 Department to coordinate with game and fish programs conducted by the tribal governments of
21 the federally recognized Indian tribes in North Dakota; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
23 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
24 the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.