

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4037  
(Senators Klein, Erbele, Heitkamp)  
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)**

A concurrent resolution expressing the Legislative Assembly's support for construction of the North Central Rural Water Consortium Project and the South Central Regional Water District Project.

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

**WHEREAS**, a dependable supply of potable water, free from contaminants and substances as aforementioned, is instrumental to the stabilization and revitalization of the rural and sub-urban economy in central North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Central Rural Water Consortium Project's goal is to address and fill the gaps existing between the numerous rural water systems currently operating in seven counties throughout central North Dakota, utilizing existing facilities to their fullest capacity to present a more feasible project, and afford all residents of the area the opportunity to be served at a more affordable cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Regional Water District will extend the services of the Burleigh Water Users Cooperative to address the needs of a five-county region in south central North Dakota, utilizing the Missouri River as a source of supply; and

**WHEREAS**, both of these projects will supply water, in areas of the state exceeding the recommended allowable levels for arsenic, in both private and public wells, thus offering a solution for the numerous small communities facing severe financial burdens to comply with the new arsenic standard thus resulting in an improved quality of life for the rural residents of these areas;

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

That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly expresses its support for construction of the North Central Rural Water Consortium and South Central Regional Water District Projects; 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, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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

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Secretary of State