

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4010
(Senators Klein, Nichols, Taylor)
(Representatives Brusegaard, Weisz)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to adequately fund and the Secretary of Agriculture to expeditiously implement and expand whole-farm cost of production insurance that is based on a producer's actual production cost history.

WHEREAS, North Dakota is second among states in the use of federal crop insurance products; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has experienced several consecutive years of natural disasters that have reduced actual production history; and

WHEREAS, many producers have found that their level of coverage has eroded or is unavailable as a result of consecutive years of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the current federal crop insurance system, which relies upon production units, price history, and yield history, has been subject to both fraud and abuse; and

WHEREAS, many producers and lending institutions require more coverage and reliability than can be provided by existing federal crop insurance products and ad hoc disaster spending to cover production costs in the event of catastrophic natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of this state and country deserve a more fiscally responsible plan than off-budget emergency spending to deal with catastrophic agricultural losses;

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

That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to adequately fund and the Secretary of Agriculture to expeditiously implement and expand whole-farm cost of production insurance that is based on a producer's actual production cost history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Secretary of State