

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4025
(Senators Bercier, Mathern)
(Representatives Boucher, Svedjan, Tieman)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to promote development of North Dakota's wind energy resource by appropriating funds to provide a two and one-half cents per kilowatt hour wind energy production tax credit.

WHEREAS, the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota enacted legislation allowing installations on property leased by a taxpayer to qualify for a long-form income tax credit for installation of a geothermal, solar, or wind energy device; and

WHEREAS, the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota also provided a sales and use tax exemption for production equipment and tangible personal property used in construction of a wind-powered electrical generating facility before January 1, 2011, if a facility has an electrical energy generation unit with a nameplate capacity of 100 kilowatts or more; and

WHEREAS, the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota reduced the taxable valuation of centrally assessed wind turbine electric generators from 10 percent of assessed value to three percent of assessed value if the generation unit has a nameplate generation capacity of 100 hundred kilowatts or more and construction is completed before January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, development of North Dakota's wind energy resource will benefit the national economy by providing a source of clean, renewable energy thus obviating the need for imported oil; and

WHEREAS, Congress should support development of the state's wind energy resource by appropriating funds to provide a wind energy production tax credit of up to two and one-half cents per kilowatt hour; and

WHEREAS, enactment of a wind energy production tax credit would promote the manufacturing of wind turbine towers and blades resulting in increased manufacturing of wind turbine equipment in the United States;

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 promote development of North Dakota's wind energy resource by appropriating funds to provide a two and one-half cents per kilowatt hour wind energy production tax credit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Department of Energy 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