

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025  
(Representatives Price, Devlin, Weisz)  
(Senators Fischer, Holmberg, J. Lee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to make immediate changes in those Medicare policies that discriminate against senior citizens who reside in rural states and to implement national benefit and service provider policies that are more uniform in their application.

**WHEREAS**, it has been a long-standing obligation of the federal government to pay for the health care of this country's senior citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government taxes working citizens uniformly to fund the Medicare program, regardless of where those citizens reside; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current Medicare payments to those who provide services to this country's senior citizens vary significantly between urban and rural states; and

**WHEREAS**, because of this unequal payment, senior citizens who reside in rural states do not receive the same array of services as those senior citizens who reside in urban states; and

**WHEREAS**, national health care programs such as Medicare must not be allowed to penalize senior citizens who reside in rural states by subjecting them to less coverage and thereby fewer services than those received by senior citizens in urban states;

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

That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to make immediate changes in those Medicare policies that discriminate against senior citizens who reside in rural states and to implement national benefit and service provider policies that are more uniform in their application; 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 Health and Human Services, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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Secretary of State