

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3078
(Representatives D. Johnson, Nicholas)
(Senator Traynor)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to reimburse property owners for land inundated by Devils Lake, reimburse the city of Devils Lake for municipal water lines inundated by Devils Lake, and to provide funding for a state outlet from Devils Lake.

WHEREAS, business owners and homeowners adversely impacted by the rising flood waters of Devils Lake were able to use flood insurance proceeds and Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to relocate their homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, property owners, including farmers and ranchers, that have been adversely impacted by the rising flood waters of Devils Lake have not received funds to reimburse them for their losses; and

WHEREAS, at least seven miles of a pipeline that supplies municipal drinking water to the city of Devils Lake has been inundated by the rising flood waters of Devils Lake making it impossible to service the pipeline which jeopardizes the drinking water supply for the city of Devils Lake; and

WHEREAS, the city of Devils Lake is being challenged to meet stricter drinking water standards for arsenic; and

WHEREAS, obtaining a new and reliable source of drinking water for the city of Devils Lake may cost as much as \$30 million; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corp of Engineers has released its plans for a federal outlet to Devils Lake but the cost of constructing the federal outlet has increased dramatically; and

WHEREAS, it would be more economically feasible for the federal government to fund the state outlet;

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 appropriate sufficient funds to reimburse property owners for land inundated by Devils Lake, reimburse the city of Devils Lake for municipal water lines inundated by Devils Lake, and to provide funding for a state outlet from Devils Lake; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State