

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019  
(Representatives Froelich, Brandenburg, Kerzman, Kretschmar)  
(Senators Erbele, Krauter)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to ensure a stable water supply for the residents of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and surrounding communities, complimenting the Governor and the Attorney General on their efforts, and urging them to continue their actions to ensure federal officials retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of the area.

**WHEREAS**, the Pick-Sloan Project, as authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1944, as amended, provides major flood control benefits, recreational benefits, water supply benefits, hydropower benefits, and navigational benefits for the downstream states of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas through construction of large reservoirs in states lying upstream from these states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pick-Sloan Project reservoirs have been in place for many years, thus providing downstream states in the Missouri River Basin all the benefits promised in the Pick-Sloan Project; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of facilities under the Pick-Sloan Project has, to date, resulted in billions of dollars in flood protection to downstream interests and has allowed these downstream interests to develop the original flood plain of the Missouri River for industrial, municipal, and agricultural uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has directed the United States Army Corps of Engineers to build, operate, and maintain all the features of the Pick-Sloan Project; and

**WHEREAS**, due to unprecedented drought in the upper Missouri River Basin, the upper basin reservoirs, including Lake Oahe, are at historically low levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the low level of Lake Oahe has made it difficult and expensive for residents of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and surrounding communities to access the reservoir for drinking water and other domestic, recreational, and agricultural purposes, thus endangering their health and well-being;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers to retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to ensure a stable water supply for the residents of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and surrounding communities, compliments the Governor and the Attorney General on their efforts, and urges them to continue their actions to ensure federal officials retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of the area; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Governor; the Attorney General; the District Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Division Commander of the Northwestern Division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Interior; and 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2005,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State