

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026**

Introduced by

Representatives Onstad, Delzer, Drovdal

Senators Heitkamp, Lyson

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to maintain the level  
2 of Lake Sakakawea at a minimum elevation of 1,825 feet mean sea level.

3 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the Three  
4 Affiliated Tribes have a right to utilize the water of the Missouri River; and

5 **WHEREAS**, downstream states in the Missouri River Basin have recognized all of the  
6 benefits of the Pick-Sloan Plan and these states owe a debt to North Dakota for allowing the  
7 construction of Missouri River dams in the upper basin; and

8 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has not recognized its share of benefits promised in the  
9 Pick-Sloan Plan; and

10 **WHEREAS**, tourism, recreation, and the well-being of the citizens and communities in  
11 North Dakota depend upon an adequate and dependable source of water; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the future development of industry and businesses in North Dakota also  
13 depends upon an adequate and dependable source of water; and

14 **WHEREAS**, irrigation development in North Dakota depends upon an adequate and  
15 dependable source of water; and

16 **WHEREAS**, wildlife, including several endangered species, is being threatened by the  
17 low level of Lake Sakakawea;

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

20 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of  
21 Engineers to maintain the level of Lake Sakakawea at a minimum elevation of 1,825 feet mean  
22 sea level; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
24 resolution to the Division Commander of the Northwestern Division of the United States Army  
25 Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Interior; the District

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- 1 Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; each member
- 2 of the State Water Commission; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional
- 3 Delegation.