

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026  
(Representatives Onstad, Delzer, Drovdal)  
(Senators Heitkamp, Lyson)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 maintain the level of Lake Sakakawea at a minimum elevation of 1,825 feet mean sea level; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to 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; the District Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; each member of the State Water Commission; 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