

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3027
(Representatives S. Meyer, Haas, Kerzman, Onstad)
(Senators Krauter, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to retain sufficient water in Lake Sakakawea to ensure a stable water supply for all water users, including municipal, rural, irrigation, and industrial, 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 Lake Sakakawea to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of western North Dakota.

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 Sakakawea, are at historically low levels; and

WHEREAS, the low level of Lake Sakakawea poses a threat to several communities and other users;

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 Lake Sakakawea to ensure a stable water supply for all water users, including municipal, rural, irrigation, and industrial, 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 Lake Sakakawea to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of western North Dakota; 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 Engineer; 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.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State