

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3020
(Representatives Berg, Boucher, Nicholas)
(Senators Flakoll, O'Connell, Stenehjem)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to implement the 2003-04 emergency agricultural disaster assistance legislation in the same manner as the 2001-02 legislation.

WHEREAS, during the 2004 growing season, the state of North Dakota experienced severe and extreme weather conditions which had disastrous results to the agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, the severe and extreme weather conditions also caused drought, which resulted in ranchers having to reduce the size of their herds; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted emergency agricultural disaster assistance legislation that parallels the agricultural disaster assistance legislation of 2001-02; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Agriculture is implementing the emergency agricultural disaster assistance legislation;

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 Secretary of Agriculture to implement the 2003-04 emergency agricultural disaster assistance legislation in the same manner as the 2001-02 legislation; to specifically include paragraph 83 of the 5-DAP handbook, which grants to the Farm Service Agency's Technical Committee the authority to provide quality loss payments according to commodity market discounts prevalent in each state; to use pertinent commodity price data to accurately calculate the value of a commodity for purposes of imposing the 95 percent cap; and to recognize losses associated with herd reductions during the year of loss and losses associated with continuing herd reductions due to drought conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency administrator of farm programs, and 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 _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State