

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4026
(Senators Warner, Freborg, Lyson)
(Representatives Charging, Onstad)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact legislation to address the adverse economic impact on businesses and the economic health of North Dakota caused by the low water levels of the federally managed reservoirs on the Missouri River in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota lost more than 500,000 acres of valuable river bottom lands as a result of construction in the Missouri River reservoirs under the federal Flood Control Act of 1944, causing an annual loss of millions of dollars in economic gross product and an additional annual loss in personal income as well as other serious impacts to individuals, political subdivisions, and North Dakota's Indian nations; and

WHEREAS, operation of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River dams has provided great benefits to the downstream states but relatively few benefits to the areas of the state directly affected by the project; and

WHEREAS, areas affected by the Pick-Sloan Missouri River dams have been working diligently to bring about some economic recovery to help alleviate the losses caused by the project during the last 50 years; and

WHEREAS, federal management of the reservoirs in North Dakota to ensure plentiful water deliveries to downstream states has led to dangerously low water conditions on the federally managed lakes in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the low lake levels have had a devastating impact on the businesses dependent on the lakes as well as detrimentally impacting the entire economy of North Dakota, including recreational use of the lakes;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to enact legislation to address the adverse economic impact on businesses and the economic health of North Dakota by the low water levels of the federally managed reservoirs on the Missouri River in North Dakota; 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 Interior; 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; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Secretary of State