

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4033

Introduced by

Senator Potter

Representative Glassheim

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study federal-state initiatives to aid
2 the energy industry in its efforts to control carbon emissions and pollutants to maintain North
3 Dakota's good air quality.

4 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota currently meets all federal clean air standards; and

5 **WHEREAS**, changing federal policies are requiring installation of advanced air pollution
6 controls at existing and planned coal-fired electrical generating facilities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, there is a compelling federal interest in promoting energy production,
8 maintaining air quality, and lowering carbon dioxide emissions; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the lignite energy industry will be investing millions of dollars to install
10 advanced pollution controls to meet new federal requirements; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the cost of advanced pollution controls are measured in the hundreds of
12 millions of dollars; and

13 **WHEREAS**, federal environmental policies threaten the continued development of North
14 Dakota's coal resources; and

15 **WHEREAS**, there is a compelling state interest in maintaining good air quality and the
16 continued development of North Dakota's coal resources;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study federal-state initiatives to aid the energy industry in its
20 efforts to control carbon emissions and pollutants to maintain North Dakota's good air quality;
21 and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
23 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
24 the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.