

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3020
(Representatives Mueller, Gullekson, Nelson, Vig)
(Senators Taylor, Triplett)

A concurrent resolution declaring the renewable energy policy of the Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS, the United States is over 60 percent reliant on foreign sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, the United States relies on energy from some of the most unstable parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, without a change in policy, the United States is projected to remain at 60 percent dependent on foreign sources of energy well into the future; and

WHEREAS, our country must move toward an energy-secure economy through long-term investment in alternative sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has diverse and robust energy resources that can play an integral part in achieving energy independence; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has lignite coal reserves that represent an 800-year supply of energy; and

WHEREAS, the Bakken shale formation in the Williston Basin has greater oil reserves than ever before realized; and

WHEREAS, development of America's coal reserves through technologies, such as coal-to-liquid fuels, will lead the way to an energy-secure American economy; and

WHEREAS, advanced clean coal technology will effectively reduce power plant emissions; and

WHEREAS, advanced technology in the capture, sequestration, and end use for carbon dioxide from power plants will play a significant role in climate mitigation; and

WHEREAS, ethanol and biodiesel production have become and will continue to be an important part of the state's energy economy; and

WHEREAS, advanced research in biofuels produced from biomass will be critical to the long-term viability of biofuels; and

WHEREAS, other states have adopted the renewable energy objectives of the 25x'25 initiative--a goal that 25 percent of our nation's energy consumption will come from renewable sources by the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, wind power has become an increasing portion of our country's energy portfolio, and North Dakota is on the leading edge of the broad use of this technology; and

WHEREAS, our country must move toward a hydrogen economy that can only be realized through aggressive research, development, and commercialization, including that being performed at the Energy and Environmental Research Center in Grand Forks;

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

That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports a goal of 25 percent of the state and nation's energy supply come from renewable energy resources by the year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports the North Dakota energy corridor initiative as well as increased federal funding for research, development, and commercialization of hydrogen fuel cells, clean coal, biomass utilization, carbon capture and storage, and coal-to-coal liquid fuel.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State