

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019
(Representatives Sukut, Berg, Koppelman)
(Senators Cook, Hogue, Lyson)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study Section 18 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, Section 18 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota has existed unchanged for more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional provision has profound effects on state and political subdivision interaction with businesses and citizens and it is incumbent upon the Legislative Assembly to determine whether the constitutional provision adequately governs the current status of state and local government needs and limitations with respect to businesses and the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been proposed to authorize direct payment of tax dollars to taxpayers, which action may be in violation of Section 18 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota;

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

That the Legislative Council study Section 18 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota, including alternatives for direct payments of tax dollars to taxpayers; and

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State