

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4033
(Senators Stenehjem, Andrist, Freborg)
(Representatives Carlson, Dosch, Thoreson)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the North Dakota Congressional Delegation and the Congress of the United States to support worker freedom by opposing the federal Employee Free Choice Act and any of the Act's related components.

WHEREAS, the right to a private secret ballot is fundamental to our representative republic and should not be infringed upon; and

WHEREAS, state and federal law requires elections for public office or public votes on initiatives and referenda be by private secret ballot; and

WHEREAS, passage of the federal Employee Free Choice Act could infringe upon the rights of individuals to have a private ballot election; and

WHEREAS, the federal Employee Free Choice Act's mandatory binding arbitration provisions would deny workers the right to participate in the collective bargaining process between employees and the union; and

WHEREAS, any effort to eliminate private elections jeopardizes the free speech rights of business and workers' individual rights; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is a right-to-work state;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the North Dakota Congressional Delegation and the Congress of the United States to support worker freedom by opposing the federal Employee Free Choice Act and any of the Act's related components; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly expresses opposition to "card check" legislation such as the federal Employee Free Choice Act, finding such legislation is detrimental to the rights of workers and is an offense against democratic principles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to 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 _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State