

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4036

Introduced by

Senators Klein, Wanzek

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Department of Agriculture to implement
2 livestock indemnity program regulations that account for the fair market value of newborn
3 calves and their cost of production.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 included a Supplemental
5 Agriculture Disaster Assistance Program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the provisions governing indemnity for livestock deaths in excess of normal
7 mortality because of adverse weather are based on seventy-five percent of a fair market value,
8 as determined by the United States Secretary of Agriculture; and

9 **WHEREAS**, severely cold temperatures, excessive snowfall, and flood conditions have
10 marked the early months of 2009 and resulted in innumerable livestock losses and abnormally
11 high newborn livestock losses; and

12 **WHEREAS**, indemnity provisions that base losses on the market value of a newborn
13 calf fail to account for the cost of production of that calf and the impact that such a loss has on
14 the ranchers of this state, their families, and their communities;

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

17 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the United States Department of
18 Agriculture to develop and implement, as quickly as possible, regulations governing its livestock
19 indemnity program and ensure that the program's indemnification calculations take into account
20 the fair market value of each newborn calf and its cost of production; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
22 resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and to each member of the North
23 Dakota Congressional Delegation.