

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT**

Introduced by

RESOLUTION NO. 4002

Legislative Management

(Natural Resources Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to provide a legal process to return to the riparian
2 landowner land controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers which is not necessary for
3 authorized purposes and if the federal government is unable or unwilling to convey the land
4 back to nontribal and tribal riparian landowners, then Congress shall convey the land back to
5 the state of North Dakota.

6 **WHEREAS**, the economy and well-being of the residents of North Dakota are dependent
7 upon agriculture; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States, through the Army Corps of Engineers, has acquired certain
9 lands around the Missouri River water system, including Lake Oahe and Lake Sakakawea; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Army Corps of Engineers has failed to control weeds and manage this land
11 properly; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the failure to control weeds on land managed by the Army Corps of Engineers
13 is a public nuisance and jeopardizes the public health, safety, and general welfare of the
14 residents of North Dakota; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in South Dakota, certain land that is not necessary for flood control by the
16 Army Corps of Engineers has been returned to the state and is managed by the state;

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

19 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
20 provide a legal process to return to the riparian landowner land controlled by the Army Corps of
21 Engineers which is not necessary for authorized purposes and if the federal government is
22 unable or unwilling to convey the land back to nontribal and tribal riparian landowners, then
23 Congress shall convey the land back to the state of North Dakota; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
- 2 to the Commanding General of the Army Corps of Engineers and each member of the North
- 3 Dakota Congressional Delegation.