

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3016
(Representatives Kasper, Headland, Kempenich, Sukut, Weiler)
(Senator Klein)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed and the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, comprises comprehensive federal health care reform legislation, which is commonly referred to as the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, this law is likely to increase health care costs, raise taxes, negatively affect senior citizens, reduce the quality of care that Americans will receive, limit consumer choice in accessing private health insurance, and may reduce the ability of American companies to compete; and

WHEREAS, the law may constrain the freedom of individuals to choose their own doctor and may interfere with individuals' ability to make personal health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, a government-controlled health care system is likely to increase spending for health care and result in the risk of policymakers rationing care as a cost-containment measure; and

WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the law could cause millions of Americans who receive health insurance through their employer to lose their health insurance coverage and also result in premiums in the individual and small group markets to substantially increase; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services will dictate what benefits insurers must offer and how much to charge; and

WHEREAS, because reimbursement for health care providers treating patients on Medicare and Medicaid is often less than the cost of providing the care, additional reductions in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement may further contribute to health care provider shortages; and

WHEREAS, the law will increase taxes on employers who do not offer adequate insurance and will increase taxes on investment income, which in turn will reduce capital available for job expansion, reduce economic growth, and result in fewer jobs for Americans; and

WHEREAS, the law may harm seniors by making cuts from the Medicare budget and causing seniors to lose the health insurance coverage they currently possess; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the law will add to the national debt; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the law aimed at reducing health care spending address the symptoms of the cost of health care rather than the root causes of growth in health care spending;

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

That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges Congress to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate