

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3008
(Representatives DeKrey, Kempenich, Skarphol)
(Senators Christmann, Wardner, O'Connell)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to clearly delegate responsibility for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states.

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, a mechanical method of increasing the permeability of rock, thus increasing the amount of oil or gas produced from the rock, has greatly enhanced oil and gas production in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas production increases in North Dakota have led to growth in employment and economic development as well as promotion of energy independence for the United States; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota, through the Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Mineral Resources, has proven more than capable of regulating oil and gas recovery processes and ensuring the safety of workers while protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the state, through the Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Mineral Resources, is best situated to closely monitor oil and gas drilling and fracturing operations to ensure they are conducted in an environmentally sound manner;

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

That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to clearly delegate responsibility for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and 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

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State