

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3040  
(Representatives D. Johnson, Hofstad, Vigesaa)  
(Senator Oehlke)  
( Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to change prevented planting provisions in crop insurance policies for the purpose of providing compensation to producers affected by Devils Lake flooding.

**WHEREAS**, Devils Lake flooding, which began 18 years ago, has inundated more than 200,000 acres of highly productive farmland; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic loss from crop production alone is estimated to be millions of dollars each year; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is the main income generator in the Devils Lake region; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic loss suffered by agricultural producers as a result of Devils Lake flooding is creating financial stress not only in the agricultural sector but in the communities surrounding Devils Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, agricultural landowners, by storing Devils Lake floodwaters, have helped to significantly reduce the impact of the inundation on others; and

**WHEREAS**, agricultural landowners have not been compensated for storing Devils Lake floodwaters; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency could work with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to amend prevented planting rules, thereby providing compensation and economic relief to landowners who once again will not be able to engage in agricultural activities on their land;

**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 Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to work with the Risk Management Agency and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to immediately pursue changes to prevented planting provisions in crop insurance policies for the purpose of providing compensation to producers affected by Devils Lake flooding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the administrator of the Risk Management Agency, the board of directors of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate