

**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.

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