Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4002

Introduced by

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.

4 **WHEREAS**, the economy and well-being of the residents of North Dakota are dependent

5 upon agriculture; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United States, through the Army Corps of Engineers, has acquired certain

7 lands around the Missouri River water system, including Lake Oahe and Lake Sakakawea; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Army Corps of Engineers has failed to control weeds and manage this land 9 properly; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the failure to control weeds on land managed by the Army Corps of Engineers

11 is a public nuisance and jeopardizes the public health, safety, and general welfare of the

12 residents of North Dakota; and

13 WHEREAS, in South Dakota, certain land that is not necessary for flood control by the

14 Army Corps of Engineers has been returned to the state and is managed by the state;

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

17 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to

18 provide a legal process to return to the riparian landowner land controlled by the Army Corps of

- 19 Engineers which is not necessary for authorized purposes; and
- 20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution

21 to the Commanding General of the Army Corps of Engineers and each member of the North

22 Dakota Congressional Delegation.