

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3039

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Carlson, Drovdal, J. Kelsh

Senators Stenehjem, Taylor

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal
2 Emergency Management Agency to exempt road grade raises necessitated by flooding from the
3 requirement that the raise be offset by the acquisition of replacement wetlands.

4 **WHEREAS**, the current wet cycle has resulted in flooding of roads necessitating grade
5 raises to maintain the state's transportation network; and

6 **WHEREAS**, local transportation budgets are already stretched due to continued flooding;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has done more than its share to preserve and protect wetlands;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has exceeded its authority in
11 requiring remote wetland acquisitions for grade raises that have not resulted in any loss of
12 wetlands;

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

15 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the United States Fish and Wildlife
16 Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to exempt road grade raises
17 necessitated by flooding from the requirement that the raise be offset by the acquisition of
18 replacement wetlands;

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
20 to the director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the administrator of the Federal
21 Emergency Management Agency, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional
22 Delegation.