

Introduced by

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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;
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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 is requiring remote wetland
11 acquisitions for grade raises that have not resulted in any loss of wetlands;

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

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

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