

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019
(Representatives Jones, Brandenburg, Kasper, Maragos, Monson, Steiner, Zubke)
(Senators Bowman, Kannianen, Rust)

A concurrent resolution requesting the United States Army Corps of Engineers divest land not needed for the management of the Garrison project area in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers manages land purchased for the operation of the Garrison project area in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the federal courts have established in federal law that the Pick-Sloan project areas must be managed for flood control, river navigation, hydroelectric power, irrigation, water quality and supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing criteria used by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to acquire land for the Garrison project area required land be purchased based on a rectangular grid line above the reservoir's high water mark, and the rectangular grid size used for purchase criteria could be smaller in some cases and not interfere with recreation and wildlife uses; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers should develop a divestment process for the lands by working in cooperation with the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands and the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, if the Garrison project can be managed without tracts of land between the reservoir high water mark and that tract's rectangular grid take line;

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

That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly requests that any land subject to divestment under an agreement between the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands include a purchase right for prior owners who own the land the parcels were detached from, their heirs who own the land the parcels were detached from, or successors who own the land the parcels were detached from; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Under Secretary of Public Works for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and 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