

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011
(Representatives Damschen, Bellew, Carlson, Monson, Roers Jones, Weisz)
(Senators Erbele, D. Larson, Luick, Myrdal, Schaible, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution extending appreciation to the President of the United States for expediting the approval of the easement required for the completion of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and requesting the federal government reimburse the state of North Dakota for all expenses incurred as a result of the Dakota Access Pipeline protests and permitting delays.

WHEREAS, the granting of the easement to complete the Dakota Access Pipeline has eased costs associated with pipeline protests; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with the protests have resulted in over \$32 million in loans to the Adjutant General; and

WHEREAS, the 1,172-mile Dakota Access Pipeline is projected to transport 470,000 barrels of oil per day, which is equivalent to more than 658 rail cars or 2,350 semi-truck loads per day; and

WHEREAS, transportation of oil by pipeline is a safer method of transportation than by rail or semi-truck; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the pipeline is situated on privately held lands with only 3 percent of the pipeline route requiring federal approval and only 1 percent of the pipeline route impacting United States waterways; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline is constructed with extra-thick steel and double walls to prevent corrosion and mitigate any possible leaks; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline is equipped with shut-off valves on both sides of the river and will be monitored at all times by operations maintenance staff; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline runs along the same route as existing infrastructure, including the Northern Border Gas Pipeline and an overhead utility line; and

WHEREAS, the the pipeline crosses various other rivers and streams, including the Missouri River 14 miles upstream of the water intake for Williston, North Dakota, the Big Sioux River near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Des Moines River in Iowa, and the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, all rules and regulatory processes for permitting the pipeline were followed;

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

That the Sixty-fifty Legislative Assembly extends appreciation to the President of the United States for expediting the approval of the easement required for the completion of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and requests the federal government reimburse the state of North Dakota for all expenses incurred as a result of the Dakota Access Pipeline protests and permitting delays; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate