

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3005
(Representatives Schatz, Kempenich, Strinden, Dockter)
(Senators Krebsbach, Kannianen, Oehlke)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to protect American consumers by advancing a coordinated effort to address, promote, and provide an effective and innovative solution to combat illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing".

WHEREAS, a robocall is an automated telephone call delivering a recorded message, often on behalf of a telemarketing company or as part of a fraudulent scheme; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 98 million robocalls are received daily in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission receives approximately 200,000 complaints each year regarding robocalls; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Federal Trade Commission received 4.5 million complaints about unwanted calls; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Trade Commission, fraud from illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted calls amounts to approximately \$9.5 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in the United States waste an estimated 20 million hours per year dealing with illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls, translating to at least \$475 million in lost productivity annually; and

WHEREAS, robocalls have been combined with a process called "call spoofing" in which a call appears to originate from a local, often legitimate, number to trick the call recipient into answering the call; and

WHEREAS, under the federal Truth in Caller ID Act, individuals are prohibited from transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongly obtain anything of value; and

WHEREAS, as technology continues to evolve the number of robocalls and "call spoofing" continues to grow and although the Federal Communications Commission has initiated new policy initiatives to combat illegal robocalls and "call spoofing", more needs to be done;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the President of the United States to protect American consumers by advancing a coordinated effort among the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to effectively address, promote, and provide an effective and innovative solution to combat illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to grant additional authority to the Federal Communications Commission to allow the agency to stop unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federal Communications Commission is urged to educate the public on how to report illegal telephone calls; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Federal Trade Commission, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 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

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State