

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007
(Appropriations Committee)**

A concurrent resolution regarding the approval of state agency use of block grant funds and authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants as passed by Congress.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 on July 29, 1981, thus creating several categories of "block" grant programs; and

WHEREAS, legislatures of the states are required to conduct public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing requirements for block grant moneys expected for the next biennium by the Office of Management and Budget have been met by the Appropriations Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly cannot hold public hearings on revisions to current block grants or additional block grants that may be approved by Congress after the recess or adjournment of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly will not meet in regular session during 1998 and thus its public hearing responsibility for grants not approved by the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly must be delegated to a legislative entity;

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

That the appropriation bill for the Office of Management and Budget, as it is passed by this Legislative Assembly, is the Legislative Assembly's approval and contains directions on the use of block grant moneys for the period ending September 30, 1999; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Section of the Legislative Council may hold the public legislative hearings required for the receipt of block grant or other federal moneys under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 or other relevant federal statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Section authority granted by this resolution is in effect during the period from the recess or adjournment of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly through September 30, 1999, and the Budget Section shall utilize the methods and procedures for holding the hearings authorized by this resolution and giving notice of those hearings as it deems appropriate.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State