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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020
(Senators Nalewaja, Krauter, W. Stenehjem)
(Representatives Carlisle, Kretschmar, Warner)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study and develop a long-term plan for the investigatory and penological support mechanisms of the criminal justice system.

WHEREAS, cooperation is needed among fire arson investigators, sheriffs, police officers, the state highway patrol, state's attorneys, the bureau of criminal investigation, the state fire marshal, the department of corrections and rehabilitation, the state crime laboratory, the state forensic examiner, and the state toxicologist for adequate investigation of crimes, proper evidence handling, and efficient case tracking and management; and

WHEREAS, new technology provides more evidence, requires new equipment, and necessitates skilled personnel to operate the equipment; and

WHEREAS, the state forensic examiner needs to be supported by a coroner system that is effective, coordinated, and fiscally sound to adequately investigate deaths; and

WHEREAS, sheriffs and the department of corrections and rehabilitation need to develop a long-range plan for the management of inmates;

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

That the Legislative Council study and develop a long-term plan for the investigatory and penological support mechanisms of the criminal justice system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate   Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,

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Secretary of State