

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. 3028
(Representatives Kempenich, Axtman, Klein)
(Senator Naaden)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a state department of commerce.

WHEREAS, numerous state agencies and officials, including the Public Service Commission, the Secretary of State, the Labor Commissioner, occupational and professional licensing boards, and the Department of Economic Development and Finance, are responsible for licensing functions and economic development functions in the state; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of various licensing, regulatory, and economic development functions into one agency may be beneficial with respect to promoting economic development activities and allowing individuals and businesses to access licensing, regulatory, and economic development information through one agency; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of establishing a state department of commerce is needed to determine its feasibility and desirability, and if feasible and desirable, to determine whether such a department should be under the authority of an elected or appointed official and to determine the proper structure and administration of such a department;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a state department of commerce; 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.

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