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. 3046
(Representatives Berg, Belter)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the availability of affordable housing for middle income households, for the elderly, and in rural areas of this state.

WHEREAS, the 1995-96 interim Legislative Council study of funding to provide housing for low-income, homeless, or disabled families resulted only in a recommendation concerning zoning restrictions; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for home financing programs geared to provide assistance to individuals who do not qualify for either low-income programs or conventional financing; and

WHEREAS, there is a special demand for housing due to the increasing elderly population of this state; and

WHEREAS, some rural communities in this state are growing and are not able to meet the demand for housing; and

WHEREAS, the ability of rural communities to attract private home construction at an affordable price is hampered by the differential between the construction cost and the appraised value; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple agencies and organizations that provide housing and home financing, but there is no single agency to coordinate housing activities;

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

That the Legislative Council study the availability of affordable housing for middle income households, for the elderly, and in rural areas of this state; 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