

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3021
(Representatives Froelich, D. Johnson, Meyer, Renner)
(Senator Solberg)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the blacktailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*, as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act.

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife Federation has petitioned the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to list the blacktailed prairie dog as a threatened species; and

WHEREAS, large concentrations of prairie dog populations cause widespread crop destruction and effectively compete with livestock for the same grazing areas; and

WHEREAS, the entrance holes to prairie dog burrows are a hazard to livestock;

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

That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the blacktailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*, as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the regional director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the Interior, and to 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 _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State