

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. 3037
(Representatives Warner, Nelson)
(Senator Heitkamp)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to review the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and amend those portions of the agreements that treat North Dakota agricultural producers inequitably or repeal the agreements in their entirety.

WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade have created international trade zones for agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade were to have opened up expanded trade opportunities and vast new markets for our agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, neither the North American Free Trade Agreement nor the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade have been able to stop the flood of agricultural products from other countries into the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite the existence of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, North Dakota agricultural producers are experiencing income reductions and economic downturns similar to the farm crisis of the early 1980s;

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 Congress of the United States to review the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and amend those portions of the agreements that treat North Dakota agricultural producers inequitably or repeal the agreements in their entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, 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