

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4034

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the farm cooperative business
2 structure to determine how it may be used to expand dairy and livestock production to enhance
3 rural economic development.

4 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's rural population reached its peak in the decade of the
5 1920s and has been on a continuous decline and is still declining; and

6 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota ranks fourth in the nation in the percentage of economic base
7 derived from agriculture at thirty-eight percent; and

8 **WHEREAS**, twenty-five percent of North Dakota's population is employed directly by
9 agriculture or in an agriculture-related business, and the state must recognize that the health of
10 the agricultural economy cannot be left to chance; and

11 **WHEREAS**, livestock production annually generates about ninety million dollars in direct
12 impact to the North Dakota economy; and

13 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has a competitive advantage over other livestock areas
14 because of the availability of plentiful feed supplies;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the farm cooperative business structure to determine
18 how it may be used to expand dairy and livestock production to enhance rural economic
19 development; and

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