

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3020
(Representatives Kasper, Byerly, Wald)
(Senators Christmann, Espegard, Fischer)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to promote private access to, private ownership of, and private development on lands it owns and manages around Lake Sakakawea, including the return of lakeshore lands that are contiguous to current tribal-owned land to the Three Affiliated Tribes and development and implementation of a water level policy that establishes and assures that Lake Sakakawea will have a stable water level.

WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Project, as authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944, as amended, provides major flood control benefits, recreational benefits, water supply benefits, hydropower benefits, and navigational benefits for the downstream states of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas through construction of large reservoirs in states lying upstream from these states; and

WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Project reservoirs have been in place for many years, thus providing the states downstream from the Missouri River Basin all the benefits promised in the Pick-Sloan Project; and

WHEREAS, construction of facilities under the Pick-Sloan Project has, to date, resulted in over \$16.7 billion of flood protection to downstream interests and has allowed these downstream interests to develop the original floodplain of the Missouri River for industrial, municipal, and agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, under the Pick-Sloan Project, North Dakota sacrificed over 550,000 acres of land which has meant the permanent loss of 2,641 jobs, \$45 million of annual personal income, and \$131 million of annual gross business volume; and

WHEREAS, most of the land surrounding Lake Sakakawea, which was created by Garrison Dam, is owned by the federal government and managed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, promoting private access and private development of this land would enhance this resource for the citizens of North Dakota;

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

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers to promote private access to, private ownership of, and private development on lands it owns and manages around Lake Sakakawea, including the return of lakeshore lands that are contiguous to current tribal-owned land to the Three Affiliated Tribes and development and implementation of a water level policy that establishes and assures that Lake Sakakawea will have a stable water level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Interior; the Division Engineer, Northwestern Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the District Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; each member of the State Water Commission; and 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 _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State