

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4046

Introduced by

Senators Tomac, Cook, Freborg

Representatives Mahoney, Porter, Wrangham

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study issues related to the Missouri
2 River in this state.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Flood Control Act of 1944, as amended, assured benefits to all 10
4 states within the Missouri River Basin under a control and management program that came to
5 be commonly known as the Pick-Sloan Project; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has directed the United States Army
7 Corps of Engineers to build, operate, and maintain all the features of the Pick-Sloan Project;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri River is a resource of significant value to multiple interests,
10 including recreation and fishing, camping, boating, water supply, economic development,
11 industrial, irrigation, and aesthetic preservation interests; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a long-term strategic plan for the Missouri River should be developed by
13 the state and local officials in this state for the benefit of future generations of state residents;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the BOMMM (Burleigh, Oliver, Morton, Mercer, and McLean Counties)
16 Joint Water Resource Board is sponsoring the Missouri River Coordinated Resource
17 Management Program to bring all Missouri River stakeholders together for communication,
18 coordination, and consensus on issues critical to the Missouri River; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri River Coordinated Resource Management Program has a
20 technical group, which is developing a geographic information system for the Missouri River in
21 this state, and a vision group, which is developing a comprehensive plan for the Missouri River
22 in this state; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has enacted the Missouri River
24 Protection and Improvement Act of 2000 to reduce siltation of the Missouri River in the state of
25 North Dakota, to meet the objectives of the Pick-Sloan Project by developing and implementing

1 a long-term strategy concerning critical Missouri River issues, and to develop and finance new
2 programs to implement a long-term strategy for the Missouri River; and

3 **WHEREAS**, there are many issues that must be addressed in the development of a
4 long-term strategic plan for the Missouri River, including land use, bank stabilization,
5 endangered species, recreation, conservation of natural areas, woodland, riparian wetland,
6 agriculture and irrigation, delta formation, and other issues;

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

9 That the Legislative Council study issues related to the Missouri River in this state; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include an examination of the Pick-Sloan
11 Missouri Basin program; the United States Army Corps of Engineer's master plan; land and
12 natural resource, water management, bank stabilization, and land use issues; and development
13 of a long-range vision for the Missouri River in this state; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
15 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
16 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.