

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4043
(Senators Krauter, Kroeplin)
(Representatives Froelich, Kerzman, Nicholas)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of promoting carbon sequestration programs in this state.

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide emissions from manmade activities account for approximately four percent of total carbon dioxide emissions worldwide; and

WHEREAS, while the scientific community continues to debate the causation and extent of global warming from increased carbon dioxide emissions, it is prudent to take actions that reduce carbon dioxide emissions under voluntary, no-regrets policies; and

WHEREAS, many plants absorb carbon dioxide and deposit, sequester, or sink carbon into the soil, thus removing it from the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide producing industries may be willing to pay farmers and ranchers to plant crops and use land-management practices that will sequester carbon on their land; and

WHEREAS, recently 400 farmers in Iowa were paid \$8 million for storing carbon; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that South Dakota farmers could receive \$20 to \$30 an acre for cultivated land and three to five dollars an acre for rangeland for capturing or sequestering carbon on their land; and

WHEREAS, carbon sequestration may provide a much-needed source of additional income for this state's farmers and ranchers;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of promoting carbon sequestration programs in this state; and

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State