

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Judiciary B Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to pay for depredation, personal injury damage, and
2 property damage caused by elk that move from the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1985 the National Park Service brought 47 elk to this state and located
4 the elk in the south unit of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1999 the North Dakota Game and Fish Department counted a total of
6 410 elk in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the high number and nature of elk within the park results in elk, especially
8 bull elk, leaving the park; and

9 **WHEREAS**, elk cause severe depredation to planted crops and stored feed of the
10 agricultural producers in close proximity to the park; and

11 **WHEREAS**, elk may be involved in motor vehicle crashes injuring people and property;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, elk that leave the Theodore Roosevelt National Park can be identified by
14 ear tags, microchips, and other means;

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

17 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
18 pay for depredation, personal injury damage, and property damage caused by elk that move
19 from the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
21 resolution, by certified mail with return receipt, to the director of the National Park Service, the
22 Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and to each member of the North Dakota
23 Congressional Delegation.