

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4005
(Senators Krauter, Erbele, Urlacher)
(Representative Kerzman)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Secretary of Agriculture to implement a cost of production insurance pilot program.

WHEREAS, cost of production insurance is a concept that allows producers of program and specialty crops to insure between 70 and 90 percent of their documented variable costs of production; and

WHEREAS, cost of production insurance would greatly enhance each producer's ability to survive natural disasters and economic crises; and

WHEREAS, cost of production insurance would significantly limit the federal government's budget exposure for agricultural losses; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency has received a proposal for implementation of a cost of production insurance pilot program but has not yet implemented such a program; and

WHEREAS, in its initial phase, a cost of production insurance pilot program would cover commodities such as almonds, apricots, corn, cotton, cranberries, nectarines, onions, peaches, rice, soybeans, sugarcane, and wheat;

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

That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Secretary of Agriculture to implement a cost of production insurance pilot program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State