

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3036  
(Representatives Kretschmar, Drovdal, Wikenheiser)  
(Senator Erbele)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact legislation for the economic recovery of North Dakota's Missouri River corridor.

**WHEREAS**, the 11 counties comprising the Missouri River corridor in North Dakota lost more than 500,000 acres of valuable river bottomlands as a result of construction of the Missouri River reservoirs under the federal Flood Control Act of 1944, causing an annual loss of millions of dollars in economic gross product and an additional annual loss in personal income as well as other serious impacts to individuals, political subdivisions, and North Dakota's Indian Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, operation of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River dams has provided great benefits to the downstream states but relatively few benefits to the 11 counties directly affected by the projects; and

**WHEREAS**, counties affected by the Pick-Sloan Missouri River dams have been working diligently to bring about some economic recovery to help alleviate the losses caused by the project during the last 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the water and land resources of the 11 counties are key to the economic growth of these counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Water User's Association supports a proposed North Dakota Missouri River Corridor Economy Recovery Act under which the federal government would appropriate funds to the Bank of North Dakota over a 10-year period, to be used to rebuild infrastructure lost over the 50-year period through inundation caused by the main stem Missouri River dams; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Irrigation Caucus is in the early stages of revising a strategic plan, Irrigation 2020, to develop, strengthen, and expand irrigation in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, if the federal government appropriated \$600 million dollars to the Bank of North Dakota for a period of 10 years, the Bank could invest this money and use the interest to help the corridor counties to rebuild their infrastructure that was destroyed by construction of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River dams;

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

That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation for the economic recovery of North Dakota's Missouri River corridor; and

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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Secretary of State