

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3034

Introduced by

Representatives D. Johnson, DeKrey

Senator Wanzek

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of eliminating refunds from the potato assessment law.

3 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota potato growers pay three cents for each 100-pound bag of
4 potatoes they produce; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the dollars collected through the potato assessment support the research,
6 development, advertising, marketing, education, and promotion of potatoes and the potato
7 industry; and

8 **WHEREAS**, all potato farmers benefit from efforts that are funded by the potato
9 assessment; and

10 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is the only major potato-producing state that has a refund
11 provision in its potato assessment law; and

12 **WHEREAS**, some growers believe that the refund provision should be retained because
13 it is the only way they can make a meaningful statement about the manner in which and the
14 purpose for which their assessment dollars are expended;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of eliminating refunds
18 from the potato assessment law, including the effect eliminating refunds would have on the
19 potato industry in this state and on efforts to promote potatoes, and the effect eliminating
20 refunds of potato assessments might have with respect to the checkoff provisions of other
21 commodities; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
23 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
24 the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.