

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4010
(Senators Mathern, Lyson)
(Representatives Boe, Kroeber, Nelson)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study mass, public, and special needs transportation, including the creation of local passenger rail transportation and bus transportation within this state.

WHEREAS, the cost of transportation by automobile is unpredictable due to the volatility in the price of petroleum products; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail and bus provide a fuel-efficient transportation system, helping to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, shifting transportation to mass and public transportation will lessen the burden of transportation on the overstressed transportation programs in this state; and

WHEREAS, there are individuals with disabilities and issues due to aging which raise barriers to transportation and who have special transportation needs that may be met with a voucher program; and

WHEREAS, this state is a member of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact, the purpose of which is to promote passenger rail service in the Midwest, and an effort to combine a seamless local rail and bus transportation system with a regional system would provide an energy-efficient and cost-effective means of travel throughout the region and, combined with the Amtrak system, throughout the nation;

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

That the Legislative Council study mass, public, and special needs transportation, including the creation of local passenger rail transportation and bus transportation within 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 Sixty-second 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 _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State