

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4002**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Natural Resources Committee)

1 | A concurrent resolution urging Congress to provide a legal process to return to the ~~riparian-~~
2 | ~~landowner~~state of North Dakota land controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers which is not
3 | necessary for authorized purposes.

4 | **WHEREAS**, the economy and well-being of the residents of North Dakota are dependent
5 | upon agriculture and the energy industry; and

6 | **WHEREAS**, the United States, through the Army Corps of Engineers, has acquired certain
7 | lands around the Missouri River water system, including Lake Oahe and Lake Sakakawea; and

8 | **WHEREAS**, access to the water in the Missouri River water system is needed to provide a
9 | necessary ingredient for hydraulic fracturing, an essential tool for oil and gas development in
10 | this state; and

11 | **WHEREAS**, the Army Corps of Engineers has failed to control weeds and manage this land
12 | properly; and

13 | **WHEREAS**, the failure to control weeds on land managed by the Army Corps of Engineers
14 | is a public nuisance and jeopardizes the public health, safety, and general welfare of the
15 | residents of North Dakota; and

16 | **WHEREAS**, in South Dakota, certain land that is not necessary for flood control by the
17 | Army Corps of Engineers has been returned to the state and is managed by the state;

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

20 | That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
21 | provide a legal process to return to the ~~riparian-landowner~~state of North Dakota land controlled
22 | by the Army Corps of Engineers which is not necessary for authorized purposes; and

23 | **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
24 | to the Commanding General of the Army Corps of Engineers and each member of the North
25 | Dakota Congressional Delegation.