

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to require renegotiation of United States Fish and
2 Wildlife Service wetlands easements.

3 **WHEREAS**, many United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements were acquired for
4 less than fair market value of the property without consideration of the detrimental impact the
5 easement may have on an individual's farming operations; and

6 **WHEREAS**, many easements are not specifically delineated and have been viewed as
7 covering an entire parcel of property rather than the wetland itself, thus unfairly burdening the
8 farming operations of the property owner; and

9 **WHEREAS**, termination of existing easements and renegotiation or reacquirement of
10 easements would more fairly compensate the landowner, specifically delineate and protect the
11 wetland, and thus enhance both protection of the wetland itself and allow the landowner to
12 better manage the landowner's property;

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

15 That the sixty-second legislative assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
16 require renegotiation of United States Fish and Wildlife Service wetlands easements; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
18 to the director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the Interior, and to
19 each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.