

Introduced by

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(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to
2 change prevented planting provisions in crop insurance policies for the purpose of providing
3 compensation to producers affected by Devils Lake flooding.

4 **WHEREAS**, Devils Lake flooding, which began 18 years ago, has inundated more than
5 200,000 acres of highly productive farmland; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the economic loss from crop production alone is estimated to be millions of
7 dollars each year; and

8 **WHEREAS**, agriculture is the main income generator in the Devils Lake region; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the economic loss suffered by agricultural producers as a result of Devils Lake
10 flooding is creating financial stress not only in the agricultural sector but in the communities
11 surrounding Devils Lake; and

12 **WHEREAS**, agricultural landowners, by storing Devils Lake floodwaters, have helped to
13 significantly reduce the impact of the inundation on others; and

14 **WHEREAS**, agricultural landowners have not been compensated for storing Devils Lake
15 floodwaters; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency could
17 work with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to amend prevented planting rules, thereby
18 providing compensation and economic relief to landowners who once again will not be able to
19 engage in agricultural activities on their land;

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

22 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Secretary of the United States
23 Department of Agriculture to work with the Risk Management Agency and the Federal Crop
24 Insurance Corporation to immediately pursue changes to prevented planting provisions in

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly

1 crop insurance policies for the purpose of providing compensation to producers affected by
2 Devils Lake flooding; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
4 to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the administrator of the Risk
5 Management Agency, the board of directors of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and to
6 each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.