

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011

Introduced by

Representatives Damschen, Bellew, Carlson, Monson, Roers Jones, Weisz

Senators Erbele, D. Larson, Luick, Myrdal, Schaible, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution ~~urging~~ extending appreciation to the President of the United States ~~and~~
2 ~~the United States Army Corps of Engineers to expeditiously approve~~ for expediting the approval
3 of the easement required for the completion of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and requesting the
4 federal government reimburse the state of North Dakota for all expenses incurred as a result of
5 the Dakota Access Pipeline protests and permitting delays.

6 **WHEREAS**, the granting of the easement to complete the Dakota Access Pipeline has
7 eased costs associated with pipeline protests; and

8 WHEREAS, the costs associated with the protests have resulted in over \$28 million in loans
9 to the Adjutant General; and

10 WHEREAS, the 1,172-mile Dakota Access Pipeline is projected to transport 470,000
11 barrels of oil per day, which is equivalent to more than 658 rail cars or 2,350 semi-truck loads
12 per day; and

13 **WHEREAS**, transportation of oil by pipeline is a safer method of transportation than by rail
14 or semi-truck; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the vast majority of the pipeline is situated on privately held lands with only
16 3 percent of the pipeline route requiring federal approval and only 1 percent of the pipeline route
17 impacting United States waterways; and

18 ~~WHEREAS, the pipeline will be placed 92 feet below the Missouri River, which is an~~
19 ~~additional 88 feet below the required depth set by the federal government; and~~

20 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline is constructed with extra-thick steel and double walls to prevent
21 corrosion and mitigate any possible leaks; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline is equipped with shut-off valves on both sides of the river and will
23 be monitored at all times by operations maintenance staff; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline runs along the same route as existing infrastructure, including the
25 Northern Border Gas Pipeline and an overhead utility line; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the the pipeline crosses various other rivers and streams, including the
2 Missouri River 14 miles upstream of the water intake for Williston, North Dakota, the Big Sioux
3 River near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Des Moines River in Iowa, and the Mississippi River;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, all rules and regulatory processes for permitting the pipeline were followed;
6 ~~and~~

7 ~~— **WHEREAS**, the Army Corps of Engineers recommended to the Assistant Secretary of the~~
8 ~~Army for Civil Works that the final easement to cross the Missouri River be granted;~~

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

11 That the Sixty-fifty Legislative Assembly ~~urges~~extends appreciation to the President of the
12 United States ~~and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to expeditiously approve for~~
13 expediting the approval of the easement required for the completion of the Dakota Access
14 Pipeline, and requests the federal government reimburse the state of North Dakota for all
15 expenses incurred as a result of the Dakota Access Pipeline protests and permitting delays; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
17 to the President of the United States, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Assistant
18 Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, each member of the North Dakota Congressional
19 Delegation, and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of
20 Representatives and the United States Senate.