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Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3020

Introduced by

Representatives Delzer, Kempenich, Nathe, Pollert, Porter

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to allow the continuation of the Garrison Diversion project canal system to aid in the delivery of water to the Red River Valley.

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Water Supply Project was authorized by the Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000 and originally intended to be a joint federal, state, and local project that would ensure a reliable, high-quality water supply for the Red River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District completed an environmental impact statement evaluating eight alternatives for supplying the Red River Valley with water in 2005, supplemented the statement in January 2007, and completed a final environmental impact statement in December 2007; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and the state both selected the Garrison Diversion Unit import to the Sheyenne River as the best alternative for the project, taking into consideration water permitting, environmental impacts, and technical, hydrologic, and design evaluations; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation sent a comprehensive report of the Garrison Diversion Unit to Congress in 2008;

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

That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the President of the United States to allow the continuation of the Garrison Diversion project canal system to aid in the delivery of water to the Red River Valley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution, with return receipt requested, to the President of the United States, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.