

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3001
(K. Johnson, J. Peterson, Reimers, Solberg, Tweten)
(From Legislative Council Study)

ISSUANCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVENUE BONDS

A concurrent resolution advising the Board of Higher Education to exercise caution in issuing bonds for revenue producing buildings and other campus improvements.

WHEREAS, the Board of Higher Education has issued in excess of forty million dollars in revenue bonds for projects at the institutions under its control; and

WHEREAS, in excess of thirty-four million dollars of such amount remains unpaid as of June 30, 1969; and

WHEREAS, enrollments may not increase at the rate experienced in the past; and

WHEREAS, fewer students may wish to live in dormitory facilities because of a change in student attitudes, or because of the availability of improved off-campus housing; and

WHEREAS, situations similar to that experienced at the University of North Dakota-Ellendale Branch may occur where reduced enrollments present a potential loss of revenue for bond payments;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Board of Higher Education to exercise caution approving the issuance of additional revenue bonds for facilities on the campuses of the institutions under its control.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3002
(K. Johnson, J. Peterson, Reimers, Solberg, Tweten)
(From Legislative Council Study)

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AIRCRAFT POOL

A concurrent resolution directing the State Highway Department, the Aeronautics Commission, and the Game and Fish Department to establish an Aircraft Pool.

WHEREAS, the Committee on Budget of the Legislative Council has completed a study on the feasibility of a Central Aircraft Pool; and

WHEREAS, such study indicated that use of aircraft for travel can increase the efficiency of state government and reduce governmental spending; and

WHEREAS, such study indicates that the cost per hour of operating presently owned aircraft could be reduced by greater utilization of such aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the committee was presented with information indicating that state officials and other executives of state government would utilize aircraft travel if it were available to them;

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

That all state departments, institutions, and agencies be encouraged to use aircraft travel when such travel is more economical than automobile or other means of transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Department, the Aeronautics Commission, and the Game and Fish Department make their aircraft available for use by other state agencies, departments, and institutions and that the Highway Department assume the responsibility for administrative arrangements in the scheduling of the use of such aircraft, provided, however, that pilot selection is the responsibility of the agency of ownership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Department provide services in obtaining charter aircraft for state agencies and institutions when neither its aircraft nor aircraft of the Aeronautics Commission or the Game and Fish Department are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Department on a regular basis inform state departments, institutions, and agencies of the availability of aircraft and the procedures to follow to obtain the use of such aircraft; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aeronautics Commission and the Game and Fish Department render full cooperation to the Highway Department in the operation of the Aircraft Pool; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after June 30, 1972, the Department of Accounts and Purchases with the cooperation of the Highway Department, the Aeronautics Commission, and the Game and Fish Department, shall appraise the desirability of continuing the Aircraft Pool by determining whether or not the experience of the pool indicates better utilization of aircraft because of Aircraft Pool usage, and whether or not the state agencies, institutions, and departments use of the pool is of sufficient volume to warrant the continued existence of the pool; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Department of Accounts and Purchases finds that the aircraft used by the pool are more fully utilized and that the state agencies, institutions, and departments are requesting the services of the Aircraft Pool at a substantial level, it shall be the intent of the legislature that the Aircraft Pool be continued on a permanent basis.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3006
(Bunker)URGING CONGRESS TO REINSTATE
INVESTMENT CREDIT

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Congress to reinstate the investment credit.

WHEREAS, the investment tax credit for small businesses and farmers, first adopted as part of the Revenue Act of 1962, has been suspended; and

WHEREAS, this credit allowed a deduction from the final, net federal tax bill of an amount equal to seven percent of the funds invested in machinery and equipment up to twenty thousand dollars for small businesses and farmers; and

WHEREAS, the average farm income is steadily declining in comparison to the average nonfarm income; and

WHEREAS, the costs of farm machinery such as combines and tractors, and of equipment used by small businesses, are steadily rising; and

WHEREAS, the cost and the shortage of skilled farm labor makes it essential that these heavy investments in time-saving, labor-saving machines be made; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of the investment credit, coupled with higher and continually climbing interest rates, has practically ruled out much needed small business expansion; and

WHEREAS, the farmer and the small businessman are the backbone of North Dakota's economy;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly strongly urge the United States Congress to reinstate the investment credit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the United States Treasury, to the Committee on Ways and Means of the United States House of Representatives, to the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate, to the Director of the United States Executive Office of Management and Budget, and to each member of the North Dakota congressional delegation.

Filed February 19, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007
(Johnson, Rundle, Olienyk)

STRIP MINING OF FEDERAL GRASSLANDS

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the United States Forest Service to declare the national grasslands in western North Dakota ineligible for lease for strip mining of coal.

WHEREAS, western North Dakota, which claims the famed Badlands and Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, is one of the most scenic and unspoiled outdoor areas in the United States; and

WHEREAS, some of the most beautiful portions of the rugged and natural scenic Badlands surround the unique burning coal vein area, with its rare columnar junipers and ponderosa pines; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government owns about one and one-tenth million acres of the land in this area, much of it, including the burning coal vein area, designated national grasslands and controlled by the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, only one percent of North Dakota's land area is timberland; and

WHEREAS, there are now applications pending before the United States Forest Service to lease for the strip mining of lignite coal at least twelve thousand acres of the land surrounding the burning coal vein area which contain the columnar junipers and ponderosa pines; and

WHEREAS, the environmental disturbances of mining operations in this area would destroy its natural scenic attributes; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of acres of privately owned land in this same general vicinity, much of which has been or can be leased for mining purposes, which can provide sufficient coal supplies for the foreseeable future and which would not disturb one of the outdoor wonders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, several of the applications for coal mining leases in this scenic area come from out-of-state mining operations which are not concerned with the environment and ecology of North Dakota;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota urge Congress and the United States Forest Service to take such action as may be necessary to declare that portion of the national grasslands containing the columnar junipers and ponderosa pines located in western Slope County in western North Dakota not eligible for the strip mining of coal so that the few thousand acres that are known nationwide for their scenic beauty and splendor will not be destroyed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States, the North Dakota Congresssional Delegation, the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of North Dakota, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, and the Forest Service Regional Headquarters in Missoula, Montana.

Filed February 19, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3008
(Halcrow)

COMMENDING MR. IVER KVAL

A concurrent resolution commending Mr. Iver Kval for his many years of service to the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, Mr. Iver Kval of Lisbon served the State of North Dakota and its Legislative Assembly as a legislative employee from 1957 through 1969; and

WHEREAS, during this period he was of great assistance to the members of the Legislative Assembly, and all the members in turn appreciated his services and friendship; and

WHEREAS, illness has prevented Mr. Kval from serving the Forty-second Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, his absence from the ranks of the employees of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly has been noted with regret by its members;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly extends to Mr. Iver Kval its very sincere best wishes and commends him for his many years of efficient and outstanding service to the Legislative Assembly and to the State of North Dakota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly enrolled copy of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to Mr. Iver Kval.

Filed February 19, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3012
(Gengler, Haugland, Stone, Gerl, DeGroot)

RETENTION OF EXISTING RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE

A concurrent resolution to retain existing rail passenger service.

WHEREAS, the Ninety-first Congress has passed Public Law 91-518 to provide for the establishment of a national rail passenger system; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of said Act, the federal Secretary of Transportation was authorized and has filed his preliminary report which outlines a basic national rail passenger system; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary report does not provide for continuance of any rail passenger transportation for the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Rail Pax Plan appears to provide only a crash program to provide rail passenger transportation between end points of population congestion and completely ignores the need to contribute to opportunity in noncongested areas so that a growing United States population will not be forced by the Rail Pax Plan to further add to the problems of population congestion; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and essential to ensure the continuation of adequate and safe rail passenger service to North Dakota if this underpopulated area is to be capable of absorbing its share of the increasing national population; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota utilizes its railroad passenger trains now, as evidenced by one hundred sixty-eight thousand boardings during 1969; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota railroad passenger service is essential because of:

1. Severe weather conditions;
2. A present need for reasonably priced, efficient, fast railroad passenger transportation;
3. The necessity to encourage a national population distribution policy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens have a minimum of railroad passenger train service at present;

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

That the North Dakota House of Representatives does support Governor William L. Guy and the North Dakota Public Service Commission in their efforts to retain existing rail passenger service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Dakota House of Representatives does adopt as its own the evidence and facts submitted to the Secretary of Transportation by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on December 23, 1970; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Dakota House of Representatives does specifically request and urge the Secretary of Transportation to designate Minneapolis-St. Paul as an end point city to ensure continued rail passenger routes through North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no rail passenger service be allowed to be discontinued completely for at least a period of eighteen months following the approved Rail Pax Plan so that the plan can be tested and most easily adjusted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the United States, the Secretary of Transportation, the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the United States Congress, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the North Dakota Congressional Delegation herewith be notified of the need for continued and improved rail passenger service for North Dakota and the Upper Midwest.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3013
(Gerl, Mushik)

MEMORIALIZING HISTORY OF
SEVENTH CAVALRY

A concurrent resolution recognizing the efforts and objectives of those individuals and organizations who are memorializing the history of the U.S. 7th Cavalry during its territorial days' service in North Dakota, and to encourage the activities of those individuals and organizations, and to encourage various state departments, institutions, and agencies to give assistance.

WHEREAS, the history of the State of North Dakota is in part made up of the activities and events of the U.S. 7th Cavalry during its service in territorial days; and

WHEREAS, many historical sites related to the service of the U.S. 7th Cavalry in territorial days are in existence in the State of North Dakota and are being preserved and developed as recreational areas and points of interest for tourists; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of this history is a responsibility of everyone and is of interest to many, and is also of value in the fields of education, recreation, business, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of individuals and organizations in the State of North Dakota who are presently actively engaged in the formation of Troops of Cavalry to participate in local events that are of interest to many; and

WHEREAS, the individuals and organizations now actively engaged in these activities are financed by private sources and individual means; and

WHEREAS, the objective of these newly formed Troops of Cavalry is to stimulate interest in the history of North Dakota and to participate in local events and encourage tourism and forms of recreation in the area, as well as to collect information and data relating to the original U.S. 7th Cavalry, and collect, use, and preserve uniforms and equipment for educational and historical purposes; and

WHEREAS, the further objective of these newly formed Troops of Cavalry is to focus attention on the fact that it was one hundred years ago that the original U.S. 7th Cavalry rode in

North Dakota, and to stimulate events and celebrations of interest calling attention to that fact;

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

That the efforts and objectives of those individuals and organizations promoting and participating in the formation of such Troops of Cavalry, and who are engaged in the collection of data and property of both historical value and of public interest are hereby recognized as an aid to the preservation of the history of North Dakota and the development of tourism in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those individuals and organizations so involved are hereby commended for their activities and participation and are hereby encouraged to continue and further their activities and participation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the various state departments, institutions, and agencies are hereby encouraged and directed to assist these individuals and organizations in their efforts and objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Park Service, Historical Society, Highway Commissioner, Travel Bureau, Outdoor Recreation, Library Commission, National Guard, and Highway Patrol.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3015
(Eagles, Miedema)

PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION CURRICULUM

A concurrent resolution urging all state educational leaders, boards, institutions, and teachers to provide the curricula necessary for environmental education.

WHEREAS, the present decade has been publicly referred to by many of our leaders as the Environmental Decade; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has passed the Environmental Quality Act and is implementing it through an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental approach to all natural resource proposals, projects, and problems; and

WHEREAS, the International Biological Program now in progress promises an explosion in the knowledge of man's ecological relationship to our planet at least equal to that we have experienced in the physical sciences since the International Geophysical Year of 1957; and

WHEREAS, 1972 has been designated as the World Ecological Year by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, polls conducted among the citizenry generally indicate that concern over environmental deterioration heads the list of top issues presented in such polls; and

WHEREAS, the solutions to environmental problems require an awareness of and appreciation for the principles and concepts upon which the science of ecology is based; and

WHEREAS, decisionmaking in all areas of human experience must be made in terms of those systems which support life on earth; and

WHEREAS, man's survival will be determined by our understanding the interrelationships which bind all living and nonliving matter together in a unified whole; and by our success in making the concepts and principles involved an integral part of the process of formal education;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly urges its educational leaders, boards, institutions, and teachers to provide the curricula and programs necessary in environmental education to develop an understanding of and appreciation for the attitudes and concepts exemplified by the statement of the National Council of Environmental Quality that "Each generation is a trustee for the environment of succeeding generations".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the implementation of environmental education based on ecological principles and concepts be instituted as soon as possible due to the accelerating deterioration of our environment, and that official state boards of education report to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly on achievements leading to the realization of the goals sought under this resolution.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3018
(Hoffner, Streibel)

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL
COMMEMORATION

A concurrent resolution supporting North Dakota's efforts to commemorate the two-hundredth anniversary of the American Revolution.

WHEREAS, the year of 1976 will be the two-hundredth anniversary of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Congress has established the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to "plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the American Revolution bicentennial"; and

WHEREAS, President Nixon, in appointing the membership of the National Commission, said: "The bicentennial celebrates more than the events of the Revolution. It belongs not only to the thirteen original States, but equally to the newest and the farthest from those 18th century battlefields. It is a national celebration; a national anniversary; it challenges each of the fifty States, and every community, to look to its heritage and its hopes"; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission has solicited the cooperation of every State in the Union in planning for 1976; and

WHEREAS, Governor Guy has appointed a North Dakota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission as recommended by the President and the National Commission;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota does hereby endorse the concept and purpose of the North Dakota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota does hereby urge and encourage all local political subdivisions, cities and communities, civic clubs and private organizations, church groups, schools and colleges, private citizens, and all others to cooperate in every way possible with the North Dakota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to make the year 1976 meaningful and worthy of the great history and heritage that has preceded us.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019
(Lundene)

STUDY OF STATE COURT SYSTEM

A concurrent resolution requesting a Legislative Council study of the North Dakota court system to determine if the citizens and taxpayers of the state would be benefited by changes in administration and procedures followed by the North Dakota judicial system.

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Burger of the United States Supreme Court has been carrying out a campaign to bring about judicial reform at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, it is well known that many courts could increase their work capacity at lower costs if modern business practices were instituted; and

WHEREAS, it is obvious that our district court districts are in need of boundary revisions; and

WHEREAS, the cost of dispensing justice has been rising faster than the increase in productivity of the courts;

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

That the Legislative Council be requested to conduct an intensive study of the entire court system in the state of North Dakota and that the judicial officers of that court system be requested to cooperate fully in such a study.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3021
(Henry, Livingston)

STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL FINANCING

A concurrent resolution requesting a Legislative Council study of the adequacy of various forms of agricultural finance that will be required during the implementation period of the individual farm unit irrigation projects and associated intensive farming in the Garrison Diversion Irrigation Project and in the years thereafter.

WHEREAS, the Garrison Diversion Irrigation Project will, in a few years, be bringing land in North Dakota under irrigation; and

WHEREAS, irrigation farming requires heavy capital outlay for land preparation and equipment; and

WHEREAS, intensive farming under irrigation requires high operational costs in machinery, manpower, and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural credit system, like other service systems, is in a period of transition; and

WHEREAS, there are many sources of credit that contribute to agricultural financing such as banks, insurance companies, Production Credit Association, the Farmers Home Administration, the Federal Land Bank, credit unions, and others; and

WHEREAS, there is concern that North Dakota's farm finance system be carefully planned so that individual institutions in the system may be aware of their responsibilities and limitations; and

WHEREAS, some legislation to facilitate adequate farm credit under irrigation conditions may be required.

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

That the Legislative Council be directed to conduct an intensive study of the adequacy of agricultural finance under the impending increase of irrigation farming in North Dakota, and that state agencies and institutions of higher education be directed to cooperate fully in such study.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3022
(Gackle)URGING APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY DIRECTORS
OF TAX EQUALIZATION

A concurrent resolution calling to the attention of the county commissioners of certain counties the statutory deadline relating to the appointment of county directors of tax equalization.

WHEREAS, the Forty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota enacted section 11-10.1-01 of the 1969 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code, providing that prior to October first of 1970, the board of county commissioners of each county of the State shall appoint a county director of tax equalization; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Bowman, Cavalier, Dunn, Emmons, LaMoure, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Oliver, Stutsman, Traill, and Wells have not appointed a county director of tax equalization as required by law;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly strongly urges the counties to comply with section 11-10.1-01 of the 1969 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code, and make the appointments required thereby; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Chairmen of the Boards of County Commissioners of the Counties of Bowman, Cavalier, Dunn, Emmons, LaMoure, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Oliver, Stutsman, Traill, and Wells.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3023
(Hoffner, Streibel)

MORE FUNDING FOR FHA LOAN PROGRAM

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Congress and the Administration to make more funds available for Farmers Home Administration loans.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all the citizens of our State and Nation that more of our people remain in rural communities, both from the standpoint of stabilizing the social and economic life of the rural areas and of alleviating some of the problems caused by population pressure in urban centers; and

WHEREAS, if the family size farm is to remain in existence, it is necessary that adequate financing be available to enable young farmers to become established and, once established, to remain competitive; and

WHEREAS, the Farmers Home Administration is one of the principal sources of credit for the family farmer in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the demand for credit for both real estate and operating purposes far exceeds the funds the Farmers Home Administration has available for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the size of the family farm has increased and the investment necessary in both real estate and equipment to remain competitive has greatly increased, thereby creating more demand for farm credit; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the Farm Ownership Loan Program of the Farmers Home Administration has been cut back by over twenty-two percent in the past two years, thereby reducing sharply the amount of credit available to the family farmer for farm ownership purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Operating Loan Program of the Farmers Home Administration has been funded at the same level for the past several years, which has not taken into account the increased costs and investment necessary in modern farming operations;

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

That the United States Office of Management and Budget is urged to increase the insured loan authorization for Farm Ownership loans by one hundred million dollars for the remainder of the 1971 fiscal year and that an increase of at least that amount be included in the budget proposal for the 1972 fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States is urged to provide seventy-five million dollars in additional operating loan funds for the balance of the 1971 fiscal year and to provide one hundred million dollars in additional funds for the 1972 fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chairmen of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittees in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025
(Winge)

CREATING NATIONAL GOAL
ON DISTRIBUTION OF OPPORTUNITY

A concurrent resolution asking for a national goal and policy on distribution of opportunity and, hence, population in the United States in order to successfully absorb the projected 100 million new Americans who will be seeking jobs and homes by the year 2000.

WHEREAS, there is great need to distribute opportunity for profitable investment, new jobs, educational facilities, health services, and recreation across the United States in order to encourage voluntary population distribution; and

WHEREAS, it is a well known and documented fact that our nation is now suffering from overcongestion causing high incidence of crime, water and air pollution, air and surface transportation congestion, racial tension, rioting and frustration, along the coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, it is equally true that the shift of population to already congested areas has drained much of the heartland, including North Dakota, of many of its most productive young people, leaving the social problems of reduced tax base and insufficient people to support such necessary institutions as schools, churches, hospitals, and so forth; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is the greatest factor in maldistribution of population through such federal programs as research grants to institutions of higher education, defense contracts, Interstate Commerce Commission-sanctioned transportation rates, farm programming, and many other federal activities; and

WHEREAS, there is precedent for the federal government to seek wholesome distribution of population through such devices as the Homestead Act, the Railroad Land Grant Act, the Bureau of Reclamation limitation on irrigated acres per farm, and land grants to schools; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has been suffering a slight decrease in population and will continue to do so unless there are changes on the national level;

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

That the President of the United States and the members of Congress be requested to set forth clearly a national goal and policy of distribution of opportunity that would encourage voluntary distribution of population in order to maintain a high quality of life as we seek to absorb a growing population of Americans.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026
(Gackle, Atkinson, Lundene, DeGroot, Metzger)

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD

A concurrent resolution directing the Commissioner of Insurance to conduct a study of the field of nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporations.

WHEREAS, there is a widespread public concern in North Dakota over the steadily escalating costs of hospital care, administration, and related items resulting in rapidly increasing costs to subscribers of nonprofit hospital service plan corporations (Blue Cross) and nonprofit medical service plan corporations (Blue Shield); and

WHEREAS, more than fifty percent of all residents of North Dakota are covered under these nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporations organized under the laws of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Insurance Department is the primary regulatory agency involved in the regulation of insurance systems, including segments of health care insurance; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporations are subject only to very limited regulation by the Insurance Department; and

WHEREAS, in the public interest, it is extremely important that the overall subscriber premium charges needed to meet the contractual charges made by the various purveyors of medical care be equitably, credibly, and scientifically assessed against the respective categories of groups and individuals covered;

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

That the professional staffs of the nonprofit hospital service plan corporations and the nonprofit medical service plan corporations and the Insurance Department be utilized in a united effort to attain the utmost efficiency in the operation of health care service, and that careful consideration be given to large expenditures by the service plan corporations, whether they be operational or of a capital nature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Insurance be directed to cause to have conducted a thorough study

of the following areas of concern, which shall include, but not be limited to, the statistical experience of recent years, the equitability of the current rating formulas and rating systems, and recommend desirable improvements in such formulas and systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Insurance is hereby directed to cause to have developed, for possible introduction to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly, appropriate revisions to the statutes relative to the operation of the various nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporations in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Insurance and the nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporations included.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3027
(Giffey, Opedahl)

URGING CONGRESS TO STUDY
HIGHWAY WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

A concurrent resolution urging the Congress of the United States to correct the inequalities and inadequacies in the limitations now imposed by section 127 of title 23 of the United States Code, relating to restrictions upon weights of vehicles operated upon state highways that are a part of the federal aid systems.

WHEREAS, the Forty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota finds that it cannot solve some of the problems of highway transportation without incurring the penalty of loss of federal aid highway funds by reason of the limitations imposed by section 127 of title 23 of the United States Code; and

WHEREAS, the limitations in section 127 of title 23 are unnecessarily restrictive, preventing the States from utilizing upgraded highways to the maximum degree that they are capable of efficiently serving;

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

That the Congress of the United States is urged to amend section 127 of title 23 of the United States Code to make it uniform in application among the States, to more appropriately relate allowable weights to the standards to which highways are constructed, and to allow the States the freedom, without penalty, to work towards solution of transportation problems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Chairmen of Public Works Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3028
(Eagles, Raymond, Mushik)

TRANSPORTATION OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN

A concurrent resolution urging the public school boards of this State to cooperate in the transportation of nonpublic school children.

WHEREAS, the necessity in these times for an adequate and comprehensive education is amply demonstrated by the many technological advances of our modern-day world; and

WHEREAS, the public schools are continually engaged in the process of imparting to students the educational foundation necessary for such students to participate in and contribute to our society; and

WHEREAS, the public schools are not alone in preparing students for this purpose, as much is contributed by the nonpublic schools in this regard; and

WHEREAS, at the present time no direct financial aid is given to such nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the law does now provide that students attending nonpublic schools may be transported on public school buses on such days as the buses normally operate, provided that room is available, that the transportation be to and from a point or points on an established public school bus route, and that the school board of the public school district permits such transportation; and

WHEREAS, some public school districts are not now permitting the transportation of nonpublic school students, even though such transportation would be an invaluable service to these students and would not add any cost to the transportation program currently carried on by the public school district;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly hereby urges each public school district in this State to cooperate in providing transportation to nonpublic school students in accordance with the applicable provisions of North Dakota law in order to strengthen and broaden public and private educational opportunities within this State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Department of Public Instruction and by the Department of Public Instruction to the governing board of each school district in this State.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031
(Giffey)

STUDY OF RURAL REHABILITATION
CORPORATION

A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Council to examine the need for the continuation of the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation and to make such recommendations for its continuance or dissolution as are deemed appropriate.

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation was formed in 1934 as a nonprofit charitable corporation recognized by the Legislature in 1935 in the enactment of House Bill 347 (S.L. 1935, Chapter 224); and

WHEREAS, the Act exempted from taxation monies and/or credits coming into the possession of or belonging to the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation as a result of any federal grant or gift for relief or rehabilitation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in the event of dissolution of the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, was authorized to accept funds and property on hand or belonging to the Corporation at the time of dissolution; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, which made the original federal grant to the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, was phased out of existence on November 30, 1935; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota law was amended to provide that the Industrial Commission rather than the State Treasurer was the agency designated to receive the assets of the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation in the event such Corporation was dissolved, including all properties returned or to be returned to the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation by the Secretary of Agriculture upon the application of the Corporation pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 499 of the 81st Congress dated April 3, 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Farmers Home Administration is planning to carry out, under the orders of the Secretary of Agriculture, the above referred to provision under which funds will be returned to the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation; and

WHEREAS, a determination should be made as to the relevance of the Corporation's program to present day rehabilitation demands;

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

That the Legislative Council is requested to study the history and present mission of the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation and to make such recommendations as are deemed advisable as to its role in the credit structure of North Dakota.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3032
(Halcrow)

CONGRATULATING SACHEL PAIGE

A concurrent resolution congratulating Satchel Paige on his election to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the ageless Satchel Paige, one of baseball's truly great right-handed pitchers, has been elected to that sport's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, selection to the Hall of Fame is considered the highest honor baseball can bestow upon its own; and

WHEREAS, Satchel Paige's remarkable baseball career has stretched from 1926, when he broke into organized baseball with the Chattanooga, Tennessee, Black Lookouts, to the Kansas City Athletics, where he pitched his last major league curve in 1965, to the Atlanta Braves, where he is currently a coach; and

WHEREAS, a portion of his early career was spent in North Dakota where, in 1934 and 1935, he played for the Corwin-Churchill Motors semiprofessional baseball team in Bismarck; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the Corwin-Churchill team he won 84 games, once pitching 29 games on 29 consecutive days and winning 28 of those games, and led the Bismarck team to the championship of the first National Semi-Pro Baseball Tourney in 1935 in Wichita, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, over his long career he pitched in approximately 3,000 games, won approximately 2,500 games, and tossed, in his own words, "a hatful" of no-hitters, to far outdistance in these categories even the legendary Cy Young who set the major league record for career victories with 511 and who appeared in 906 major league games; and

WHEREAS, he has made numerous appearances in the State since that time, giving baseball exhibitions and earning the respect and admiration of countless North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, his strong character, optimistic outlook on life, and enduring philosophy have provided guidelines for persons of all races and all ages to follow;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly, on behalf of all North Dakotans, extends to a former North Dakota resident, Satchel Paige, sincere congratulations for capping a lifetime of baseball achievement with election to the Baseball Hall of Fame, and sends along to him its wishes that each of the next years may be his best in baseball; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Baseball Hall of Fame, Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, the Atlanta Braves, and to Satchel Paige.

Filed February 26, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3035
(Wilkie, W. Erickson)

URGING BEVERAGE MANUFACTURERS TO USE RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

A concurrent resolution urging beer and soft drink manufacturers, bottlers, and distributors to use returnable containers and to commend the "Keep North Dakota Clean" organization for its work.

WHEREAS, beer and soft drink bottles and cans tossed aside by thoughtless individuals are a constant source of litter in North Dakota's roadways, fields, parks, and other similar areas; and

WHEREAS, the State and its political subdivisions are forced to spend a great deal of public funds to clean up these bottles and cans; and

WHEREAS, it is logical to assume that if these bottles and cans were returnable, they would not be tossed aside or would be picked up quickly by others; and

WHEREAS, the "Keep North Dakota Clean" organization has worked tirelessly and effectively to cut down this offensive litter, to preserve North Dakota's scenic beauty, and to maintain in the State an environment, both urban and rural, that is neat, clean, and devoid of debris and ugliness;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly strongly urges the manufacturers, bottlers, and distributors of beer and soft drinks in North Dakota to use returnable rather than nonreturnable containers for their beverages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forty-second Legislative Assembly commends the "Keep North Dakota Clean" organization for its work in keeping the State clean and beautiful and in stressing to the State's citizens the importance of improving the attractiveness of our cities, towns, and countryside; of preserving our natural beauty; and of maintaining a neat and orderly appearance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the presidents of the North Dakota Bottlers Association, the North Dakota Beverage Dealers Association, the North Dakota Beer Wholesalers Association, and the North Dakota Wholesaler Liquor Dealers Association; to the state representative of the United States Brewers Association; and to the president of "Keep North Dakota Clean".

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3036
(Henry, Henning)

STUDY OF SALE OR EXCHANGE
OF STATE-OWNED LAND

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council, with the cooperation of pertinent state agencies and departments, to study North Dakota laws regarding the sale or exchange of state-owned lands under the authority of either the State or its various departments and agencies.

WHEREAS, at present some state agencies and departments can sell or exchange land and others cannot, and similarly there are situations where legislative approval is needed and others where it is not; and

WHEREAS, it may take three or four years for one state agency or department to get title to land from another state agency or department for exchange purposes with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, this confusion and time-consuming delay often results in the price of the land being sought going up, thus either adding to the State's expense, or losing the exchange opportunity; and

WHEREAS, uniform and simplified procedures in this area would be of great benefit to the State of North Dakota;

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

That the Legislative Council be directed to study, with the cooperation of the State Forester, the State Park Service, the Board of University and School Lands, and State Land Department, the Board of Higher Education, the State Game and Fish Department, and other pertinent state agencies and departments, the laws and regulations governing the sale or exchange of state-owned lands by state agencies and departments, and to review legislation in this field from other States, and generally review the practices involved in the lease and sale of state-owned land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council make its report and recommendations thereon to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly, together with any legislation required to carry out such recommendations.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3038
(Gengler, Olienyk, Knudson, Austin)

COMMENDING ASSUMPTION ABBEY

A concurrent resolution to commend the Assumption Abbey for its many years of educational service to North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the Benedictine community at the Assumption Abbey has operated schools at Richardton since 1900; and

WHEREAS, the loyal and dedicated efforts of the Benedictines in operating both their high school and their college have resulted in a unique and long-lasting contribution to education in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the schools at the Abbey have enhanced the environment of the community and the surrounding area, and have provided an educational opportunity for hundreds of North Dakotans who might otherwise have not been able to attend either high school or college; and

WHEREAS, Assumption High School closed its doors for the last time in May 1968; and

WHEREAS, Assumption College will close on its last graduation day, May 9;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly commends the Benedictine community at Assumption Abbey for its many years of excellent service in meeting the educational needs of so many of North Dakota's youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Abbot of Assumption Abbey and to the President of Assumption College.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3040
(Opedahl, Hilleboe)

STUDY OF STATUTORY BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the membership, duties, responsibilities, and appointments of all statutory boards and commissions, excepting those occupational and professional licensing boards and commissions.

WHEREAS, there exists a proliferation of statutory boards and commissions with varying composition and authority; and

WHEREAS, this profusion of boards and commissions sometimes has overlapping powers and duties which promote wastefulness and cause perplexity as to which board or commission is the proper one to deal with; and

WHEREAS, many of the members of these boards and commissions are appointed or receive membership through inconsistent means and this tends to make the boards and commissions unresponsive to the wishes of the majority of the people of North Dakota;

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

That the Legislative Council is hereby directed to conduct a study of the statutory boards and commissions, excepting those occupational and professional licensing boards and commissions, to determine whether the boards and commissions have overlapping powers and duties; if consolidation of any boards and commissions is feasible; and whether the majority of the membership of the boards and commissions should be appointed to make the membership responsive to all the people of North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council shall be authorized to call upon any board, commission, department, or agency of the State for information and assistance as may be necessary to complete the study.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3042
(W. Erickson, Grant, Kingsbury)

SUPPORT FOR REA TWO PERCENT
LOAN PROGRAM

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the Nixon Administration to support the Rural Electrification Administration two percent loan program.

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota served by rural electric cooperatives are greatly dependent upon a guaranteed and reliable source of low cost electric power; and

WHEREAS, the rural electrification loan program has for thirty-five years served as a key to the orderly and continual development of North Dakota's farms, farming communities, and agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, members of North Dakota's Congressional Delegation have repeatedly expressed and demonstrated their support of this loan program and of increased loan fund appropriations;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the Nixon Administration to support and continue the Rural Electrification Administration's two percent loan program with the necessary appropriations and funding in order that it can continue to meet the critical needs of rural citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, Rural Electrification Administration Administrator David Hammil, and the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3044
(Livingston, Walsh)

SUPPORTING WEATHER MODIFICATION
RESEARCH

A concurrent resolution expressing support to the United States Department of the Interior for its research efforts in weather modification in the Upper Midwest area.

WHEREAS, annual rainfall is a limiting factor in the economic welfare of the semiarid Upper Midwest States, including parts of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, hailstorms have devastating effects on agriculture throughout our State;

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

That the Department of the Interior be encouraged and supported in its research efforts to modify weather in order to increase and control rainfall and to inhibit damaging hailstorms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3046
(Committee on Appropriations)

URGING CONGRESS TO REVIEW
AFDC STATUTES

A concurrent resolution urging the Congress of the United States to review the federal statutes relating to Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota has demonstrated its concern for the health, well-being, and dignity of its citizens by consistently maintaining a public assistance standard above the national average; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota has consistently provided a service program offering alternatives to public assistance resulting in a proportion of welfare recipients to its total population well below the national average; and

WHEREAS, federal statutes implemented by federal regulations and reinforced by federal court decisions have made the administration of public assistance costly, inequitable, and self-defeating; and

WHEREAS, earning exemptions provided for in federal AFDC statutes requires the State to maintain technical eligibility in excess of a standard based on need resulting in ever increasing AFDC assistance rolls; and

WHEREAS, stepfather liability for the support of stepchildren has been largely nullified by federal statute reinforced by the 1968 U. S. Supreme Court decision King vs. Smith and the 1970 Supreme Court decision Lewis vs. Martin; and

WHEREAS, the dependency caused by divorce and desertion has been compounded by unrealistic earning exemptions and elimination of stepfather liability for support; and

WHEREAS, the limitation of States' funding of AFDC imposes a severe budgetary hardship on those AFDC families unable to avail themselves of the extra-budgetary income of federally imposed earning exemptions or federal exemptions of stepfather liability for support, thereby creating a gross inequity among AFDC recipients; and

WHEREAS, President Nixon, as well as other national leaders, has pointed to the need for welfare reform on a national scale;

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

That the Congress of the United States is urged and requested to review and amend its statutes relating to AFDC which provide for alleged unrealistic earning exemptions and the exemption of stepfather liability for support, giving heed to the experience of the States trying to administer this program which threatens to become a national disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3047
(Mertens)URGING CONGRESS TO CONTINUE
SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to continue the school milk program.

WHEREAS, milk is regarded as nature's most perfect food, not only for its nutritional value but because milk has ingredients that make the body utilize the rest of the food supply better; and

WHEREAS, Americans, regardless of their income, are not as nutritional wise in their diets as they should be; and

WHEREAS, it is important to both body and mind to have a healthy diet and available energy; and

WHEREAS, the school milk program has had an outstanding record of providing the school children of North Dakota and the nation with quick energy so that they are alert both in mind and body during school hours;

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

That the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States are urged to continue the school milk program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States and to each member of the North Dakota congressional delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3050
(Atkinson, Hilleboe)

REVISION OF CRIMINAL LAWS

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to carry out a revision of the substantive criminal laws of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the criminal justice provisions and statutes of the State of North Dakota, and of the other States of the Union, are not adequately serving the needs of society in the areas of protection, the rehabilitation of convicted persons, or the prevention of criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Judicial Council is in the process of revising the criminal procedures of this State, and, upon completion of the study, will offer for promulgation by the North Dakota Supreme Court a comprehensive set of rules of criminal procedure; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's present substantive criminal statutes are the product of piecemeal legislation over a substantial period of time; and

WHEREAS, disparities and inequities in sentences and sentencing procedures are among the chief causes of the growing disenchantment with both the national and state criminal justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the system of criminal justice must be viewed as a comprehensive whole embracing every phase from crime prevention through correction and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, a revision of the substantive criminal laws of this State, with emphasis on classification of penalties, elimination of criminal provisions having little or no social utility, and consideration of substituting civil for criminal penalties when feasible, would, in conjunction with the pending revision of the rules of criminal procedure, be a large step toward development of a comprehensive criminal justice system for North Dakota;

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

That the Legislative Council is hereby directed to

review and revise the substantive criminal statutes of the State of North Dakota, or so much thereof as may reasonably be revised during the 1971-1972 legislative interim, with special emphasis on study and revision of the penalty structure established by present law, including the classification of penalties and the elimination of duplicate penalties. The Legislative Council shall also identify and prepare legislation to remove unused and archaic statutes, reconcile ambiguities and conflicting laws, eliminate surplus language, and take such other steps as may be necessary to prepare a substantively and formally complete codification, or so much thereof as may be accomplished during the 1971-1972 legislative interim; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council may, by itself or in conjunction with the Combined Law Enforcement Council, make application for and receive grants from an appropriate federal agency or agencies, and may expend any funds received for the purposes outlined in this resolution. The Legislative Council shall report its recommendations, accompanied by suitable legislation to accomplish the objectives of this study, to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3051
(Hoffner, Streibel)

COMMENDING STATE EMPLOYEES
FOR ASSISTANCE TO LEGISLATURE

A concurrent resolution commending state employees for their cooperation and assistance to the Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS, the staffs of the Legislative Council and of the departments of the executive and judicial branches of State Government have rendered their full cooperation and assistance to the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, many persons in State Government have worked long extra hours in order to provide service beyond the normal call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the extra time and effort expended by state employees in order to facilitate the successful functioning of the Legislative Assembly is performed at a considerable sacrifice to the employees and their families;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly hereby commends and extends its thanks to the many employees of State Government, the staffs of the legislative council, and the departments of the executive and judicial branches of State Government who have rendered their cooperation and assistance to this session of the Legislature.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3052
(Atkinson, Rundle)

STUDY OF JUDGES' RETIREMENT FUND

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the Judges' Retirement Fund, and the statutes providing the system of retirement benefits for supreme and district court judges.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly enacted the basic law covering retirement programs for supreme and district court judges in 1949, and since that time has created a different system for state and local employees; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual interest of both the public and public employees that maximum benefits be obtained from both employer and employee contributions to retirement programs; and

WHEREAS, there has been discussion among members of the judicial branch concerning the adequacy of the present supreme and district court judges' retirement system; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1540 has been introduced during this Legislative Assembly which would terminate the judges' retirement system and provide coverage for judges under the public employees' retirement system; and

WHEREAS, a thorough study should be made of the desirability, feasibility, actuarial soundness, and legality of proceeding to make substantial changes in the system of providing retirement for supreme and district court judges;

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

That the Legislative Council is hereby directed to carry out a study of the adequacy of the present statutes, funding, and benefits provided by the present retirement system for supreme and district court judges, and to determine the desirability and feasibility of altering that system, of merging it with another retirement program, or of making such other recommendations as the results of the study may indicate are necessary. The Judicial Council of the State of North Dakota is hereby requested to render such aid, information, and assistance to the Legislative Council in the carrying out of this study as may be reasonable and necessary. The Legislative Council shall report its findings and recommendations, along with legislative measures necessary to implement them, to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3053
(Atkinson)

STUDY OF UNIFORM PROBATE CODE

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of adopting the Uniform Probate Code for North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws promulgated, and the American Bar Association approved, the Uniform Probate Code in August 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Probate Code project had its origin in an American Bar Association study commenced in 1939; and

WHEREAS, public discussion of and information regarding the shortcomings of the probate statutes of many States was enlarged by the recent publication of the book "How to Avoid Probate" by Norman F. Dacey; and

WHEREAS, much of North Dakota's law on probate procedure is derived from the territorial Probate Code of 1877, which has been amended sporadically and has been only partially codified since that time; and

WHEREAS, the general goals of laws dealing with probate procedures should be the speedy distribution of the decedent's estate, with due protection of the interests of the State, heirs, prospective heirs, and creditors, and unnecessary impediments to such speedy distribution should be removed;

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

That the Legislative Council is hereby directed to carry out a study to determine the feasibility and desirability of adopting the Uniform Probate Code in this State, or to determine whether modifications to such Code would make it more readily workable. The Legislative Council shall also determine, in the event that the adoption of the Code is recommended, what other statutes of the State must be amended or repealed, in order to cause the remaining statutes to conform to the Probate Code. The State Bar Association and members of the judicial branch of government are urged to render such assistance to the Legislative Council as it may reasonably request to carry out this study. The Legislative Council shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any necessary legislation, to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3055
(Grant, Laughlin)RETENTION OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AS SEPARATE AGENCY

A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States and the Secretary of Agriculture to retain the Department of Agriculture as a separate agency, investigate ways of improving the economic plight of the North Dakota farmer, and preserve the private enterprise system of our society.

WHEREAS, farmers in the State of North Dakota and in the nation are entitled to an economic standard in keeping with the rest of our national economy; and

WHEREAS, the economic condition of agriculture in North Dakota is at a dangerously low level; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota, because of low farm income, is losing over 1000 farmers and ranchers each year; and

WHEREAS, the continual loss of farmers and ranchers has resulted in the loss of one small business for every sixth farmer who goes out of business; and

WHEREAS, the economic well-being of North Dakota's non-farm businesses, as well as tax receipts to state and local units of governments and the preservation of the private enterprise system of our society is largely dependent on agricultural income; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Act of 1970 and earlier federal laws grant to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture a wide range of discretionary authority through which he can influence farm prices and income; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of Agriculture Hardin has indicated a drop in the loan support rate for 1971 grains raised in North Dakota which will amount to millions of dollars of lost revenue to the North Dakota economy; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a major industry in the United States of America without which our great State of North Dakota, our great nation, and the world could not long survive; and

WHEREAS, we feel the role of agriculture in our nation's

economy has already been relegated to a dangerously low level of importance; and

WHEREAS, agriculture provides the greatest single unit of purchasing power in our country; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has served the nation well in support of the produce of the soil; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proposed that the Department of Agriculture be absorbed into other governmental agencies;

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

That the President of the United States and the Secretary of Agriculture be urgently requested to maintain the Department of Agriculture as a separate agency of the United States government. The Secretary of Agriculture is urgently requested to maintain loan levels at the 1969 level, and investigate ways to immediately improve the economic plight of the small farmers which will preserve the only remaining real private enterprise sector of our American society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States Department of Agriculture, to the Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives, to the Committee on Agriculture of the United States Senate, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3058
(Walsh)

URGING SNOWMOBILERS TO USE HELMETS

A concurrent resolution urging North Dakotans who ride or operate snowmobiles to use helmets, and to urge state organizations and agencies to encourage the use of helmets.

WHEREAS, snowmobiling has enjoyed an unprecedented increase in popularity among North Dakotans of all ages, and among both urban and rural residents, over the past few years; and

WHEREAS, this increase in popularity has brought a corresponding increase in the number of snowmobile accidents; and

WHEREAS, snowmobile drivers and riders are particularly susceptible to head injuries since they ride atop the vehicles and are not protected by any type of enclosure; and

WHEREAS, the danger of head injuries to snowmobile drivers and riders would be considerably lessened, and in some cases eliminated, by the wearing of a helmet while on a snowmobile; and

WHEREAS, the State Outdoor Recreation Agency and the State Health Department are two state agencies concerned with snowmobilers and with the health and safety of North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, the recently created North Dakota Snowmobile Users Association is a statewide organization of snowmobilers;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly strongly urges all North Dakotans who ride on or operate snowmobiles to use helmets to lessen or prevent the danger of head injuries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forty-second Legislative Assembly urges the North Dakota Snowmobile Users Association, the State Outdoor Recreation Agency, the State Health Department, and other state agencies and departments to consider and implement measures which will encourage the use of helmets by snowmobile riders and operators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the president of the North Dakota Snowmobile Users Association, the director of the State Outdoor Recreation Agency, and to the State Health Officer.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3063
(Boyum)

STUDY OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION FINANCING

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to continue the study directed by House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 adopted by the Forty-first Legislative Assembly, relating to the financing of road and street construction.

WHEREAS, the report of the North Dakota Legislative Council to the Forty-second Legislative Assembly found that before any study of the highway tax distribution fund could be completed, it would be necessary to study the functions of the various road systems to determine the needs; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Highway Department will, during the ensuing biennium, be completing such a study pursuant to a requirement by the Congress of the United States, in cooperation with the Secretary of Transportation and in cooperation with the counties and cities of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the results of such a functional study may justify action by the Legislative Assembly in making changes in statutes relating to the assignment of responsibility and jurisdiction over highways and streets upon a functional basis and to more equitably distribute highway taxes upon the basis of need; and

WHEREAS, it has been difficult to arrive at a highway tax distribution formula that has not resulted in equities and sometimes unjustifiable distributions of funds in such manner and in such amounts that no benefits can be accomplished therefrom;

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

That the Legislative Council, with the cooperation of the State Highway Department and the counties and cities of this State, is hereby directed to continue the study directed by House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 from the Forty-first Legislative Assembly, as supplemented by this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council make its report and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement such recommendations, to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3064
(Stone)PROVIDING CONSUMER EDUCATION
CURRICULUM

A concurrent resolution urging the Department of Public Instruction to integrate elements of consumer education into appropriate courses of study in North Dakota's elementary and secondary schools.

WHEREAS, there is a growing awareness in the Nation as well as in North Dakota of the importance of consumer education in preparing young people for wise and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, students should be made to feel that they are living now as truly as are adults, that their schools are helping them live now more rewardingly, and that with each dollar they spend they are learning not only to build a better future for themselves and for others, but also to understand and appreciate social values and the democratic processes; and

WHEREAS, one of life's most important goals is the proper managing of personal economic affairs and the maximizing of satisfaction from the level of one's income; and

WHEREAS, because a person is a consumer all his life, it is extremely important that schools provide education that will enable students to be informed and conscientious buyers of needed goods and services, or in other words, to be given adequate instruction in the handling of real life problems;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly urges the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction to develop and implement curriculums and programs on consumer education to be integrated into appropriate courses in North Dakota's secondary and elementary schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the members of the Board of Public School Education, the presidents of the North Dakota Education Association, the North Dakota Association of School Administrators, and the North Dakota Congress of Parents and Teachers, and to the deans or chairmen of the Education Departments at the State's colleges and universities.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3066
(Lundene)

SPEEDING FEDERAL AID FOR
LOW COST HOUSING PROJECTS

A concurrent resolution requesting the President of the United States and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to simplify and speed procedures for federal funds.

WHEREAS, there is a definite need in many small North Dakota communities for low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for housing for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the requests for federal assistance in many projects is becoming increasingly complex; and

WHEREAS, many small North Dakota communities do not have people with the technical training to fill out requests for federal funds; and

WHEREAS, many small North Dakota communities have waited for more than one year for the status of their projects to be announced by the federal officials;

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

That the President of the United States be respectfully requested to coordinate efforts with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to simplify and speed procedures for obtaining federal financial aid on low cost housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and to the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3069
(Walsh)

CONGRATULATING DR. NORMAN BORLAUG

A concurrent resolution congratulating Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, the 1970 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

WHEREAS, in 1970 Dr. Norman E. Borlaug became the fifteenth American to win or share the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, the prize was awarded for his leading role in what has been called the Green Revolution, that is, in experiments with improved wheat seeds, new types of higher yielding rice, and more efficient uses of fertilizer and irrigation to provide larger food crops in many of the less-developed countries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug has for twenty-five years pioneered in breeding new varieties of disease-resistant wheat having short straw and highly improved yields; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug now is Director of the famed Rockefeller Institute in Mexico City, where scientists from seventeen nations are seeking ways to help the world's hungry countries stave off famine and make their harvest more bountiful; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug has a strong farm background, having been born and raised on an Iowa farm and having received much of his training and some of his advanced degrees at the University of Minnesota where he gained fame not only as an exceptional scholar but as an outstanding athlete as well; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota, as one of the Nation's leading agricultural States, and as a foremost producer of wheat, has a particular interest in Dr. Borlaug's work;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly extends to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug its most sincere congratulations for his singular achievement in being awarded the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize, and wishes Dr. Borlaug continued success in his important work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3073
(Raymond, Olienyk, Gackle)

EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR
PRISONERS OF WAR

A concurrent resolution expressing concern for prisoners of war and men missing in action in Southeast Asia, and urging the Congress and the Governor to proclaim the week of March 21-27 as a special week of concern and March 21 as a special day of prayer for the prisoners and men missing in action.

WHEREAS, the Government of North Vietnam, along with 119 other nations, signed the Geneva Convention in 1957 and promised, in effect, to adhere to the covenants contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Government of North Vietnam has since ignored the covenants of the Geneva Convention and has particularly disregarded those provisions related to the humane treatment of prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, the Government of North Vietnam has not allowed neutral inspections of its prisoner of war camps, has refused to release the names of those being held captive, has refused to release the sick and wounded, and has refused to permit the free exchange of mail between prisoners and their families; and

WHEREAS, at least two natives of the State of North Dakota have been officially listed as prisoners of war, at least five natives of the State of North Dakota have been officially listed as missing in action, and at least eight natives of the State of North Dakota have not been accounted for in the war in Southeast Asia and may be prisoners of the North Vietnamese; and

WHEREAS, a resolution has been introduced into the United States Congress to designate the week of March 21-27 as "National Week of Concern" for prisoners of war and men missing in action;

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

That the Congress is hereby urged to declare March 21 as a special day of prayer and to pass the resolution now before it declaring the week of March 21-27 as "National Week of Concern" for prisoners of war and men missing in action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of the State of North Dakota is hereby urged to proclaim March 21 as a special day of prayer and the week of March 21-27 as "North Dakota Week of Concern" for prisoners of war and men missing in action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation and to the Governor of the State of North Dakota, and that copies of this resolution be made available for public distribution.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3076
(Weber)

MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT
LEVELS OF ASSESSMENT

A concurrent resolution encouraging the State Board of Equalization to maintain the present levels of assessments for a two year period with only minor variations on locally assessed property in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the annual, total tax burden imposed by the state of North Dakota and its political subdivisions on individuals and businesses is constantly increasing and now exceeds \$250,000,000.00 per year;

WHEREAS, the largest single source of tax revenue imposed by the state and its political subdivisions is the ad valorem tax on locally assessed real property, amounting in 1970 to over \$90,000,000.00 or an average annual per capita real estate tax of approximately \$147.00, over 90% of which is currently imposed and expended by the political subdivisions for local governmental purposes;

WHEREAS, inflationary pressures have driven the market value of real property in North Dakota upward at a very rapid rate and the ratio of assessments to true and full value of property has decreased during this severe inflation;

WHEREAS, a 1970 North Dakota sales ratio study shows a state average sales assessment ratio of 21.1%, and the State Board of Equalization has indicated they intend to move all locally assessed property to an equalized assessment level of 25% in 1971;

WHEREAS, experience has shown us that local governments do not appropriately reduce their mill levies when the State Board increases assessment levels and therefore the taxpayer would suffer an increased property tax bill as a result of the equalization at 25% level of assessment.

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

That the State Board of Equalization be urged to maintain the present levels of assessments for a two year period with only minor variations.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3077
(Tweten, Miedema, Opedah1)

FARM OPERATIONS AT STATE INSTITUTIONS

A concurrent resolution regarding the discontinuance of certain farming operations at the charitable and penal institutions, providing for greater cooperation in the farming operations between the various institutions, and calling for improved financial reporting.

WHEREAS, the report by the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Council on farming activities at charitable and penal institutions provides information indicating the need for changes in the farming operations at the State Penitentiary, State Farm, State Industrial School, State Hospital, and the Grafton State School in order to realize a more economical and efficient program; and

WHEREAS, the report points to certain aspects of the farming operations which, on the basis of information provided, should be discontinued; and

WHEREAS, it has been found that greater coordination and improved management would improve existing operations; and

WHEREAS, a subcommittee consisting of members of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly has reviewed information available from current and prior studies of the various farming operations, and finds many of the recommendations meriting consideration for possible implementation;

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

That except for the Soldiers' Home, hog and poultry operations be discontinued at all of the State's charitable and penal institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the management and operation of the farming activities at the State Industrial School be under the control of the Director of Institutions through the officials at the State Penitentiary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all farming activities, with the exception of vegetable gardening, be phased out and

discontinued at the Grafton State School inasmuch as the therapeutic value of the farming operation for the training and rehabilitation of residents at the school is of questionable value and that management officials of the institution have gone on record stating that in their opinion, therapeutic value of the farming operation is of rather minimal value; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Department of Health and the Jamestown State Hospital are hereby directed to cooperate with the Director of Institutions in fully utilizing the available farming resources at the Jamestown State Hospital in the establishment of the most efficient nonduplicating farming operations as may be possible at those penal and charitable institutions which are engaged in farming activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all penal and charitable institutions be involved in the receipt and consumption of any farm production which may be in surplus at any of the producing institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Institutions proceed with the implementation of major recommendations contained within the report of the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Council insofar as staff and funding provisions will allow; that the institutions maintaining farming operations provide information about such operations based upon a Cost Accounting System to the State Auditor for inclusion in his annual report of the institutions. Such financial information shall set forth the value of the farm production and the actual cost of the farming operations.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3080
(Boyum, Linderman)

SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT

A concurrent resolution supporting construction of the Garrison Diversion Unit.

WHEREAS, the construction and development of the Garrison Diversion Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project will provide an assured supply of good water throughout central and eastern North Dakota for irrigational, municipal and industrial, recreational, and fish and wildlife use, and will bring a new era of economic growth to North Dakota and many benefits to the region and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the urgent need for the early development of the Garrison Diversion Unit to provide for the many project purposes is accompanied by a strong desire among the prospective water users and project beneficiaries for this development; and

WHEREAS, in order that construction of the project can proceed at a rate that will permit the delivery of water, beginning in 1975 as presently programmed, it is necessary that construction funds be made available at an increasing rate in the future;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly expresses its appreciation for the progress that has been made in the construction and development of the Garrison Diversion Unit and does respectfully request and urge the President of the United States and his Administration to give full support to the Garrison Diversion Unit to the end that construction of the project can be accomplished in accordance with the existing program wherein water deliveries are to be made in 1975, and also urges Congress to appropriate adequate funds to continue and accelerate the construction of this outstanding multipurpose water resource project to accomplish this program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to President Richard M. Nixon, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Chairman of the Interior Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, and to the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3081
(Rundle, K. Johnson)

TRIBUTE TO NORTH DAKOTA MEN
WHO HAVE DIED IN VIETNAM

A concurrent resolution honoring North Dakotans who have died in Vietnam.

WHEREAS, since the adjournment of the Forty-first Legislative Assembly, many of North Dakota's finest young men have been called upon to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly, as a representative of all North Dakota citizens, to pay special tribute to those brave, courageous, and loyal men who have, in the performance of their duty, made the supreme sacrifice which men of their stature have been called throughout our country's history to make for the right to be free;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly hereby pays solemn tribute to:

Pfc. Gilbert R. Bargmann, Hannover
Sgt. Carl S. Berger, Jr., Mandan
Spec. 4 Marvin C. Briss, Binford
Sgt. Robert A. Brothen, Minot
Pfc. Richard A. Buringrud, Argusville
Spec. 4 Larry R. Collins, Fargo
Pfc. David J. Corcoran, Grand Forks
Spec. 4 Gerard F. Coulthart, Hamilton
SSgt. Leon D. Cox, Jamestown
Pfc. Joseph W. Crary, Fargo
Spec. 5 Gerald A. Decker, Sentinel Butte
Cpl. David D. Elsbernd, Crosby
Sgt. Norman A. Emineth, Baldwin
Spec. 4 Steve L. Escallier, Portal
Spec. 4 Lawrence R. Esser, Minot
LCPL Valarian L. Finley, Mandaree
BT 3 Joseph D. Fischer, Zeeland
Pfc. Wilbert C. Fleck, Breien
Sgt. Roger E. Foreman, New Town
Pfc. Robert M. Fullmer, Grand Forks

Pfc. Gene T. Gietzen, Glen Ullin
BM 3 Patrick G. Glennon, Fessenden
Spec. 4 Randy L. Hansen, Williston
Spec. 4 Danny L. Hanson, Stirum
Spec. 4 Lowell G. Hardmeyer, Mott
Spec. 5 Larry B. Jacobson, Norma
Spec. 4 Lyle M. Johannes, Kulm
Sgt. David F. Johnson, West Fargo
1 Lt. John M. Joyce, Minot
Capt. John E. Kelly, Jr., Bismarck
SSgt. James C. Kopseng, Harvey
Spec. 4 Robert L. Kraft, Linton
Sgt. William D. Kristjanson, Inkster
Sgt. Gregory K. Krueger, Garrison
Cpl. David J. Kuhn, Richardton
Spec. 4 Merlin J. Laber, Sykeston
Cpl. David A. Larson, Belcourt
Sfc. John C. Lundin, Sentinel Butte
Fn. Glenn E. Maier, Bismarck
LCPL Mark D. Mangin, Verona
Cpl. Dennis J. Manson, Belcourt
BMSA Vern R. Mattingley, Williston
Sgt. Ronald P. McNeill, Mott
Spec. 4 Wesley E. Mueller, Jamestown
Spec. 4 Eric D. Nadeau, Grand Forks
Pfc. James A. Osterloth, Beach
Sgt. Stanley J. Ottmar, Burt
Pfc. Larry S. Poling, Fargo
LCPL John M. Renner, Mandan
Spec. 5 Jon P. Robbins, Dickinson
Sgt. Robert E. Schmitz, Martin
Sgt. Dennis R. Schossow, Sheldon
Spec. 4 Donald G. Schrenk, Baldwin
Pfc. Brent W. Sveen, Fargo
WO 1 Roy V. Thomas, Bismarck
Spec. 4 Blythe N. VanDeVenter, Grand Forks
LCPL Richard A. Volk, Minot
Spec. 5 Donald G. Vollmer, Bismarck
CPT David A. Waldera, Fargo
Spec. 4 Robert L. Weiher, Minot
Sgt. Bruce L. Wold, Minot
Spec. 4 Dennis S. Wosick, Grand Forks

for their sacrifice in helping to keep the United States and other freedom-loving countries from becoming subject to those forces which would take away the God-given right to be free men; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all North Dakota citizens extend their sorrow and deepest sympathy to the parents and relatives of these brave men, and express to them their fervent belief that these men did not die in vain; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send enrolled copies of this resolution to the parents and wives of these men to whom the people of North Dakota owe so much.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3083
(Patrick, Giffey, Hickie, E. Miller)

FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION OF MISSOURI BANK STABILIZATION WORK

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to direct the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct and maintain at Federal expense additional bank stabilization works on the Missouri River in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, as a part of the Missouri River Basin Development Project, dams and large reservoirs have been constructed by the Federal Government which occupy all the reaches of the Missouri River extending from Gavins Point Dam in South Dakota to Williston, North Dakota, with the lone exception of a seventy-mile stretch between the Oahe and Garrison Reservoirs in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the remaining channel between the Oahe Reservoir and Garrison Dam no longer performs its function as a natural river but is now acting as a regulated channel for the conveyance of water needed to meet the requirements of flood control, irrigation, navigation, power generation, municipal and industrial water supplies, pollution control, recreation, and wildlife purposes; and

WHEREAS, the stored water in the Garrison Reservoir is released in such manner as to accommodate the downstream beneficiaries as evidenced by the following facts:

1. The water is virtually silt-free when it enters the channel and has tremendous ability to pick up its former bedload in the form of silt;
2. The releases are fluctuated to accommodate the hydroelectric generation demand with variations from four thousand to thirty-two thousand cubic feet per second, thereby causing surging conditions which aggravate any existing erosion problem and cause an annual loss of approximately six hundred forty acres of valuable agricultural bottom lands; and

WHEREAS, a portion of this threatened land is now being irrigated or has an irrigation potential which is of great economic value to the adjacent localities and to the State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Federal lands, public parks, and historic sites of national prominence are a part of the area affected; and

WHEREAS, industries that desire to locate adjacent to the river are being forced to seek more distant sites because of the uncertainty of maintaining their plants at a permanent location; and

WHEREAS, some bank stabilization works already constructed by the Federal Government are effectively protecting the areas in which they are located and attest to the need for similar works at other locations;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota recommends and respectfully urges the Congress to direct and authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct and maintain additional structures needed to stabilize the banks of the aforesaid segment of the Missouri River on an emergency basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the members of the North Dakota congressional delegation; Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.; Division Engineer, Missouri River Division, Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebraska; District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebraska; and Area Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Riverdale, North Dakota.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3086
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

COMMENDING MINOT AND GRAND FORKS
AIRBASE PERSONNEL

A concurrent resolution expressing confidence that the officers and men of the 91st and 321st Strategic Missile Wings at Minot and Grand Forks Air Force Bases will exhibit superior performance in participating in "Olympic Arena 71".

WHEREAS, the Strategic Air Command motto states that peace is their profession, whereby it logically follows that their goals are no different than those of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, our homes, our schools, our churches, and our very way of life depend on the Strategic Air Command's presence and their ability to perform their mission; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Air Command of the United States Air Force will soon conduct the 1971 Missile Combat Competition at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, such competition to be known as "Olympic Arena 71"; and

WHEREAS, the 91st Strategic Missile Wing at Minot Air Force Base and the 321st Strategic Missile Wing at Grand Forks Air Force Base, in combination, possess 300 Minutemen missiles, of the Nation's total arsenal of 1,000; and

WHEREAS, "Olympic Arena 71", in which both the 91st and 321st Strategic Missile Wings will be participating, is being undertaken for the purpose of identifying the most highly professional and most capable missile operations crews, maintenance teams, and units;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly hereby expresses confidence that the officers and men of the 91st and 321st Strategic Missile Wings will exhibit superior performance during "Olympic Arena 71", recognizes the contribution to the maintenance of nuclear deterrence which their units represent, and expresses the pride of the State of North Dakota in providing the foundation for their efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to General Bruce K. Holloway, Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; Lt. General Paul K. Carlton, Commander, 15th Air Force Base, March Air Force Base, California; Colonel Grover C. Graves, Commander, 91st Strategic Missile Wing, Minot Air Force Base; and Colonel Paul Krause, Commander, 321st Strategic Missile Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3087
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

COMMENDING COUNTIES WITH
COMBINED SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS

A concurrent resolution commending Bottineau and Rolette Counties and Oliver and Mercer Counties for combining their offices of County Superintendent of Schools, and urging other counties to follow suit.

WHEREAS, Bottineau and Rolette Counties have a combined office of County Superintendent of Schools under the direction of Mrs. Charlotte Lange, and Oliver and Mercer Counties have a similar combined office under Mrs. Alice Husfloen; and

WHEREAS, the progressive steps taken by these four counties to combine these offices have led to more efficient government and better educational services for county residents, which in turn has shown the farsighted wisdom of the counties in making the decision to combine these offices; and

WHEREAS, section 150 of the North Dakota Constitution and section 15-22-25 of the North Dakota Century Code provide the authority, both constitutional and statutory, for counties to combine these offices; and

WHEREAS, if more counties would combine these offices it would ease some of the educational and financial strain on the counties and result in better coordinated and implemented educational programs for larger areas;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly commends Bottineau and Rolette Counties and Oliver and Mercer Counties for combining their offices of County Superintendent of Schools, and strongly urges other counties in North Dakota to give serious consideration to the many advantages to be gained, both financially and in better services, in combining this office with other counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the President of the North Dakota County Commissioners Association, to the County Superintendents of Schools for Bottineau, Rolette, Oliver, and Mercer Counties, and to the members of the County Commissions of those counties.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3088
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

DEVELOPMENT OF RUBELLA
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS

A concurrent resolution urging the State Department of Health to initiate and conduct a program of testing and immunizing for rubella.

WHEREAS, the incidence of rubella in pregnant women may result in the birth of mentally retarded or malformed babies; and

WHEREAS, thirty percent of the babies born to women who have contracted rubella during the early stages of their pregnancies are born with some degree of mental retardation, malformation, or other condition such as blindness, deafness, or heart defects; and

WHEREAS, the direct cost to the State in providing services to persons with these conditions is very high; and

WHEREAS, the anguish caused to parents and the suffering borne by these children cannot be measured in dollars; and

WHEREAS, testing for rubella can be conducted in conjunction with the blood test for a marriage license to determine whether a woman is subject to incurring the disease, and steps can be taken to prevent such women from contracting the disease; and

WHEREAS, a combined program of testing and immunizing for rubella could bring this disease under control;

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

That the State Department of Health is hereby urged to initiate and conduct a program of testing and immunizing for rubella and to take such other steps as are deemed necessary to control this disease.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3089
(Delayed Bills Committee)

CONGRATULATING MINOT STATE COLLEGE
ATHLETIC TEAMS

A concurrent resolution congratulating the Minot State College basketball and football teams on their fine seasons, and wishing the basketball team good luck in the district playoffs.

WHEREAS, the Minot State College football team won the North Dakota College Athletic Conference championship last fall and represented this area in the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics national playoffs; and

WHEREAS, Minot State's basketball Beavers tied for the NDCAC basketball title with Valley City State College and then defeated Valley City in the NAIA District 12 semifinals; and

WHEREAS, the Beavers, if they win the District 12 championship game against a South Dakota opponent Tuesday, March 2, will advance to the NAIA national tourney in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, all the citizens of North Dakota share the pride and sense of accomplishment for the achievements of Minot State's athletic teams this academic year, and recognize the hard work and dedication to purpose that these accomplishments represent;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly extends its sincere congratulations to all of the athletes, coaches, and other officials at Minot State College who made these fine athletic achievements possible, and that this Assembly extends its best wishes to the Minot State College basketball team for good luck in the NAIA District 12 championship game; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of Minot State College, to the Athletic Director at Minot State College, and to the head coaches of the Minot State College football and basketball teams.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3090
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

STUDY OF TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

A concurrent resolution directing a Legislative Council study of teacher certification procedures.

WHEREAS, the orderly growth and conduct of the education profession in North Dakota is a matter of great concern to all North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life in North Dakota can be directly traced to the quality of education available to its citizens, and the quality of education is linked immutably to the caliber of an educational system's key personnel, its teachers; and

WHEREAS, teacher certification is an extremely important factor in maintaining and fostering a highly professional and qualified corps of teachers in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, there exist several methods and means by which teacher certification can be carried out, either through existing procedures used by the Department of Public Instruction to certify teachers, or by transferring teacher certification duties to some other board or agency, such as the Teachers' Professional Practices Commission, or even perhaps by creating a new agency, department, or board composed of teachers, administrators, and laymen, to handle certification;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly directs the Legislative Council, with the aid and assistance of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Board of Higher Education, the Teachers' Professional Practices Commission, the North Dakota Education Association, and any other appropriate agencies, departments, or groups, to study teacher certification procedures in North Dakota to determine if they should be left as they are, if and how they can be strengthened or improved, if they should be transferred to another existing agency, department, or board, or if some type of special board or agency should be organized to certify teachers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council make its report and recommendations thereon to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly, together with any legislation required to carry out such recommendations.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3091
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

STUDY OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

A concurrent resolution providing for a study by the Legislative Council of the impact of federal revenue sharing proposals upon programs of the State and its political subdivisions.

WHEREAS, the National Administration, with bipartisan support and the assistance of numerous associations representing the States and local governments of the United States, has presented a revenue sharing program to the Congress which would consolidate into six major categories many of the numerous grant-in-aid programs of the Federal Government, increase the level of federal support of such programs, especially in rural areas, and largely give to the State and its political subdivisions authority to determine their own priorities in programs within each field to meet the individualized needs of the respective States; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such federal grant consolidation, the proposal would provide in excess of \$5 billion of general revenue sharing, of which North Dakota's share would be \$20.5 million per year, or \$41 million per biennium, approximately half of which would be distributed to local general governmental units; and

WHEREAS, unless the State develops a distribution plan for the revenues allocated to the political subdivisions of the State which is approved by the Legislative Assembly and the major political subdivisions, state and local government will lose ten percent of the available general revenue sharing moneys, or a total of about \$4.1 million per biennium; and

WHEREAS, other members of the National Congress have introduced legislation providing for alternative methods of revenue sharing or specific increases in the federal support of welfare and other programs; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Legislative Assembly and the State of North Dakota study and review the various revenue sharing proposals as they are developed by the Congress, and study and review their impact upon existing state and local programs, as well as alternative intrastate distribution programs for general revenue sharing, in order that, through proper legislative action, the State and its political subdivisions may

receive their proper share of federal allocations and ensure that the State and its local governments are provided with full and adequate information to develop program priorities to best meet the most urgent needs of the State and its citizens, both efficiently and economically;

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

That the Legislative Council is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a special committee or committees upon revenue sharing for the purposes stated in this resolution, and to make its report and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly at its next session, together with suitable legislation to carry out such recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each department, agency, institution, and political subdivision of the State shall provide such aid, information, and assistance as the Council may from time to time request.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3092
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

LEGISLATIVE INTENT TO COMPLY
WITH OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL ACT

A concurrent resolution declaring the intent of the Legislative Assembly to comply with the requirements of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act.

WHEREAS, there is a need for improved and expanded law enforcement and crime prevention services to control and reduce crime in the State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, provides that state and local governments may qualify for federal funds by providing matching funds; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve, expand, and strengthen law enforcement, improve criminal justice, and develop new methods for the prevention and reduction of crime in the State of North Dakota, the Forty-second Legislative Assembly has adopted a number of measures calling for an additional effort on the part of state and local governments in this regard; and

WHEREAS, federal law precludes the use of federal funds to replace state and local funds which would have been available in the absence of the federal funds;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly hereby declares that it is its intent that the increased obligation provided in House Bills Nos. 1003, 1026, 1155, 1229, 1238, 1254, and 1348, and in subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2004, Senate Bill No. 2005, subdivision 4 of section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2006, Senate Bills Nos. 2013, 2014, 2182, 2199, 2220, 2314, and 2463, among others, shall be used as matching funds for purposes of compliance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3093
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

COMPLETION OF LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS

A concurrent resolution providing for the completion of the legislative journals of the house and senate.

WHEREAS, after termination of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly a complete record with index of the senate and house journals must be prepared;

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

That Roy Gilbreath, Chief Clerk of the House, and Leo Leidholm, Secretary of the Senate, are hereby authorized and employed to compare and index the journals of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly, and the said Roy Gilbreath and Leo Leidholm are hereby directed to arrange for and procure sufficient assistance to insure that the said work shall be completed within twenty days after the adjournment of the session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the expenses of the said Roy Gilbreath and Leo Leidholm, as above set forth, there shall be allowed the sum of \$1,320.00 each, which shall include compensation for any assistance deemed necessary by them, all to be paid as other legislative expense, and paid when the respective claims are verified by the affidavits of the said Roy Gilbreath and Leo Leidholm showing completion of such work.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3094
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

COMMENDING DALE DALZIEL
CURLING RINK

A concurrent resolution commending the Dale Dalziel Rink of Edmore and the Art Tallackson, Jr., Rink of Grafton for winning the United States Men's Curling Championships in 1971 and 1970, respectively.

WHEREAS, curling is an internationally famous competitive winter sport; and

WHEREAS, the Dale Dalziel Rink of Edmore, North Dakota, has won the 1971 United States Men's Curling Championship and will be competing in the Silver Broom World Championship in France starting March 16; and

WHEREAS, the Art Tallackson, Jr., Rink from Grafton, North Dakota, won the United States Championship in 1970 and placed third in the World Championship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being the second straight year North Dakota has defeated the best teams in the Nation in the annual playdowns, this marks the fourth national championship for a North Dakota entry; and

WHEREAS, the people of North Dakota take great pride in these teams which have brought national and international attention to our State;

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

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly takes great pleasure in commending the Dale Dalziel Rink and the members of that team: Dale Dalziel, Rodney Melland, Clark Sampson, and Dennis Melland; and the Art Tallackson, Jr., Rink and the members of that team: Art Tallackson, Jr., Glenn Gilleshammer, Ray Holt, and Trueman Thompson for the honors they have achieved in curling championships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each member of these curling teams.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3095
(Committee on Delayed Bills)STUDY OF STATE AND LOCAL
TAX SYSTEM

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council, with the aid and cooperation of the State Tax Department, to make a comprehensive study of the North Dakota tax structure, with emphasis upon property tax assessment procedures, the twenty-one mill levy, the business privilege tax, and the sales tax.

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for tax revenue to support state and local government in North Dakota, particularly to fund the rising costs of education; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of this State are demanding a more equitable distribution of the tax burden; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of the personal property tax has focused attention upon the need for improved assessment procedures for real property, especially the usage of the sales assessment ratio study; and

WHEREAS, the business privilege tax, one of the primary sources of personal property tax replacement revenue, may contain inequities; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to review the entire tax structure of this State;

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

That the Legislative Council is directed, with the aid and cooperation of the State Tax Department, to make a comprehensive study of the North Dakota tax structure, with emphasis upon the following items:

1. Property tax assessment procedures, including an analysis of the sales assessment ratio study and a review of the basis and methods used in applying the sales assessment ratio study in the past;
2. The twenty-one mill county equalization fund levy, including a consideration of alternative methods of funding education in this State;

3. The business privilege tax, including an analysis of the first year's experience with this tax and a consideration of methods to broaden the base of this tax;
4. The sales tax, including a consideration of broadening the base of such tax to provide additional revenue for education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council make its report and recommendations to the Forty-third Legislative Assembly, together with any legislation required to carry out such recommendations.

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