

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

## CHAPTER 810

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3085

(Wagner)

(Approved by the Committee on Delayed Bills)

### LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS ON BLOCK GRANTS

A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of block grants under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 as passed by Congress in July 1981.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (H.R. 3982) on July 29, 1981, thus creating several categories of "block" grant programs; and

WHEREAS, several of the provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 require "public hearings" or require "the legislature of the State [to conduct] . . . public hearings"; and

WHEREAS, any requirements for legislative public hearings will need to be accomplished prior to the commencement of federal fiscal year 1983 which commences on October 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly will not be meeting in regular session during calendar year 1982 and thus must delegate its public hearing responsibility to a legislative entity;

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

That the Budget Section of the Legislative Council is hereby authorized to hold such public legislative hearings as may be required for the receipt of block grant or other federal moneys under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 or other relevant federal statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Section authority granted by this resolution shall be in effect during the period November 23, 1981, through November 30, 1982, and the Budget Section shall utilize such methods and procedures for holding such hearings and giving notice thereof as it deems appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, once enrolled, be presented by the Secretary of State to the chairman of the interim Budget Section of the North Dakota Legislative Council.

Filed November 19, 1981

## CHAPTER 811

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3086

(Representative Timm)

(Senator Erickson)

(Approved by the Committee on Delayed Bills)

## RAILROAD BRANCLINE ABANDONMENT

A concurrent resolution expressing to Congress the concern of the Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly over the abandonment of railroad branch lines in North Dakota by the Burlington Northern Railroad Company and urging Congress to restrict the abandonment of railroad branch lines to only those lines which place a clear and substantial burden on the railroad.

WHEREAS, the Burlington Northern Railroad Company filed a system diagram map with the State of North Dakota and the Interstate Commerce Commission indicating it intends to abandon 425 miles of railroad branch line in North Dakota in the next three years and is studying an additional 786 miles which it believes will be the subject of future abandonment applications; and

WHEREAS, the railroad branch lines the Burlington Northern intends to abandon serve 127 North Dakota communities with 134 licensed country grain elevators and numerous other businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is the nation's leading agricultural producer of hard red spring wheat, durum wheat, barley, flax, and sunflowers, and is a major producer of other agricultural commodities such as rye, dry edible beans, and potatoes; and

WHEREAS, agricultural products are vitally important for domestic consumption and as major export commodities in the nation's balance of trade; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is a landlocked state dependent on rail transportation to move its agricultural products long distances to the major markets and ports in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the abandonment of railroad branch lines requires agricultural products be transported greater distances from farm to market locations over Township, County, State, and Federal roadways not designed for such additional traffic; and

WHEREAS, the transportation of agricultural products over greater distances from farm to market locations lowers producer net

income and increases the cost of road construction and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the abandonment of railroad branch lines places country elevators and other businesses located on those branch lines at a competitive disadvantage resulting in business bankruptcies, investment losses, tax base losses, and reduced country grain market competition; and

WHEREAS, the abandonment of a railroad branch line and the loss of business enterprises resulting from the abandonment of the branch lines have a serious negative impact on the small communities served by the branch lines; and

WHEREAS, many of the railroad branch lines the Burlington Northern Railroad Company intends to abandon produce revenue in excess of the avoidable costs of operating the branch line;

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

That the Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly expresses to the United States Congress its concern over the abandonment of railroad branch lines in North Dakota by the Burlington Northern Railroad Company and urges the United States Congress to restrict the abandonment of railroad branch lines to only those lines which place a clear and substantial burden on the railroad; 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.

Filed November 19, 1981

## CHAPTER 812

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3087  
(Representative Martinson)  
(Senator Thane)

## LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES

A concurrent resolution providing and designating House and Senate employees during the continued Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly and authorizing their compensation; and authorizing employment and compensation of any needed additional employees.

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

That for and during the continued Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly which convened on Monday, November 16, 1981, the following named persons are employees of the House and Senate and shall be paid those daily wages authorized by House Concurrent Resolution No. 3014 for the duration of the continued session:

## SENATE

Leo Leidholm, Secretary of the Senate  
Doris McMahon, Desk Reporter  
Vernon Asheim, Assistant Secretary of the Senate  
Sandra Boehler, Bill Clerk  
Olger Sandven, Sergeant-at-Arms (Supply)  
Al Jacobsen, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms (Page)  
Jeri Kurle, Page  
Jan Mumma, Committee Clerk  
Michelle Mushik, Stenographer  
Maryann Brown, Telephone Attendant  
Mary Schmidt, Minority Leader's Secretary  
Lois Scherr, Majority Leader's Secretary  
Kenneth Harlow, Journal Proofreader  
Kathryn Keiser, Journal Proofreader

## HOUSE

Roy Gilbreath, Chief Clerk of the House  
Barb Middaugh, Desk Reporter  
Skip Sjothun, Assistant Chief Clerk  
Gladys Derrick, Bill Clerk  
Dave Hillesland, Sergeant-at-Arms (Supply)  
Edgar Beyers, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms (Page)

Bob Porter, Desk Page  
Renaë Doan, Chief Page  
Brad Fay, Page  
Eileen Schneider, Committee Clerk  
Phyllis Johnson, Stenographer  
Eileen Giese, Stenographer  
Flo Feland, Telephone Attendant  
Betty Perkins Johnson, Speaker's Secretary  
Arlene Haunson, Minority Leader's Secretary  
Mavis Patchen, Majority Leader's Secretary  
Susan Lawrence, Journal Proofreader  
Carolyn Twingley, Journal Proofreader  
Joe Emineth, Janitor  
Dick Lang, Janitor  
Jacob Kramer, Janitor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Employment Committees of the House and Senate are authorized to hire such additional employees as may be warranted should this continued session extend beyond Friday, November 20, 1981, for the positions, and at the rates, set forth in House Concurrent Resolution No. 3014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that legislative employees shall be entitled to recover necessary travel and lodging expenses, at the same rate as for other state employees, during the continued session, and for authorized days before and afterwards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event any employees shall resign, be discharged, or for other reasons terminate employment, the compensation provided for in this resolution shall cease, effective the last day of employment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of standing substantive and procedural committees which have met, or may meet, in a period between recess and reconvening of the Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly are entitled to per diem at the rate established for members of Legislative Council interim committees, payable from the appropriation to the Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

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