

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3041**

Introduced by

Representatives Lloyd, Wald

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability  
2 of consolidating the State Soil Conservation Committee, State Forest Service, Tourism  
3 Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Game and Fish Department, and the State  
4 Historical Society of North Dakota into a department of natural resources.

5 **WHEREAS**, the 1997 Legislative Assembly is considering combining the State Soil  
6 Conservation Committee with another state agency; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the State Soil Conservation Committee, State Forest Service, Tourism  
8 Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Game and Fish Department, and State  
9 Historical Society of North Dakota have similar missions and the six agencies may complement  
10 one another and may develop new and innovative products by working together cooperatively  
11 and jointly; and

12 **WHEREAS**, duplication of services exists among these agencies and the state's  
13 citizens would be better served by minimizing duplication and streamlining the delivery of  
14 services by these agencies; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the missions of these agencies should be evaluated to determine whether  
16 the missions of these agencies fit the 21st century needs of the citizens of North Dakota;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of consolidating the  
20 State Soil Conservation Committee, State Forest Service, Tourism Department, Parks and  
21 Recreation Department, Game and Fish Department, and State Historical Society of North  
22 Dakota into a department of natural resources; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
24 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
25 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.