

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4055  
(Senator Andrist)  
(Political Subdivisions Committee)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the potential for expansion of extended area telecommunications service.

**WHEREAS**, rural communities and schools in those communities are frequently restrained by the lack of toll-free telephone lines used for Internet access; and

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be a shortage of extended area service opportunities to residents in rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of businesses and services in rural communities makes rural residents ever more dependent on long-distance service to communicate for their essential needs; and

**WHEREAS**, an alternative to current service is a tiered system providing add-ons to basic telephone service;

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

That the Legislative Council study the potential for expansion of extended area telecommunications service; and

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of State