

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3063

Introduced by

Representatives Meyer, Fairfield, Mueller

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to encourage the formation of new legislative or
2 administrative initiatives that would provide farmers with crop insurance options that offer true
3 revenue or income protection and which add hay or other grazable grasses to the scope of
4 covered commodities, and to encourage the formation of new legislative or administrative
5 initiatives that address the high cost of crop insurance coverage and specifically examine the
6 percentage of farmers' premiums used to support the administration of crop insurance
7 programs.

8 **WHEREAS**, farmers in this state and throughout the country have suffered devastating
9 crop losses in recent years; and

10 **WHEREAS**, farm families and rural communities have, as a result of the crop losses,
11 suffered an economic downturn similar to the farm crisis of the 1980s; and

12 **WHEREAS**, changes in national farm policy mean that farmers must assume more of
13 their own farming risk; and

14 **WHEREAS**, shrinking profit margins and increasing risks are leading more farmers to
15 recognize crop insurance as the last remaining safety net that can be tailored to fit their own
16 risk management needs;

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

19 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
20 encourage the formation of new legislative or administrative initiatives that would provide
21 farmers with crop insurance options that offer true revenue or income protection and which add
22 hay or other grazable grasses to the scope of covered commodities, and to encourage the
23 formation of new legislative or administrative initiatives that address the high cost of crop
24 insurance coverage and specifically examine the percentage of farmers' premiums used to
25 support the administration of crop insurance programs; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee,
- 3 the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota
- 4 Congressional Delegation.