

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3065
(Representatives Weisz, Pollert)
(Senators Klein, Wanzek)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the negative impact due to diminishing rail access and service, the cost to industry, business, and communities of shifting rail services to state and local highway systems, and the feasibility and desirability of funding enhanced rail facilities including an intermodal rail facility in this state.

WHEREAS, efforts toward economic development through value-added agricultural production requires distribution of produce, goods, and services; and

WHEREAS, diminishing rail access and services adversely impacts agriculture, industry, business, tourism, and communities; and

WHEREAS, diminishing rail access and services shifts the burden of the movement of goods, products, and imports to already overstressed highway systems in this state; and

WHEREAS, many areas of the state are experiencing greater isolation of goods and produce from the services and markets; and

WHEREAS, diminishing rail access and services leads to an accelerated trend toward more shuttle trains, consolidation of local elevators into terminal facilities, and reduction in the number of small community elevators and related agricultural services resulting in added distribution stresses on the state and local highways and loss of support services for the agricultural communities across the state;

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

That the Legislative Council study the negative impact due to diminishing rail access and service, the cost to industry, business, and communities of shifting rail services to state and local highway systems, and the feasibility and desirability of funding enhanced rail facilities including an intermodal rail facility in this state; 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-eighth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State