

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4019
(Senators G. Nelson, Krebsbach, D. Mathern)
(Representatives Carlson, Delmore, Disrud)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study medical and financial privacy laws in this state, the effectiveness of medical and financial privacy laws in other states, the interaction of federal and state medical and financial privacy laws, and whether current medical and financial privacy protections meet the reasonable expectations of the citizens of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the advancement of technologies such as computers and the internet have greatly increased the flow of information; and

WHEREAS, the quantity of medical and financial information of an individual that is compiled and maintained by various sources is continuing to increase; and

WHEREAS, every individual in this state has a reasonable expectation of privacy in certain medical and financial information; and

WHEREAS, current medical and financial privacy protections may not meet the reasonable expectations of the citizens of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, national associations of public officials have compiled useful information on medical and financial privacy; and

WHEREAS, the flow of information across state lines requires coordination of federal and state privacy protections; and

WHEREAS, a number of bills are introduced each legislative session that address specific areas of medical or financial privacy;

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

That the Legislative Council study medical, financial, and related privacy laws in this state, the effectiveness of medical and financial privacy laws in other states, the interaction of federal and state medical and financial privacy laws, and whether current medical and financial privacy protections meet the reasonable expectations of the citizens of North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to the complexity and importance of this study, the Legislative Council form a special committee to perform the study; 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Secretary of State