

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4033
(Senators Traynor, Dever, Lyson, C. Nelson, Trenbeath, Watne)
(Judiciary Committee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the commitment procedures for individuals with mental illness.

WHEREAS, during the course of any given year, more than 40 million adult Americans are affected by one or more mental disorders and 6.5 million Americans are disabled by severe mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code Chapter 25-03.1, enacted in 1977, provides the procedures for the voluntary and involuntary commitment of individuals with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, involuntary commitment to a treatment facility raises constitutional issues regarding the deprivation of an individual's constitutionally protected liberty interests; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has not conducted a comprehensive study of the commitment procedures for individuals with mental illness since the 1975-76 interim;

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

That the Legislative Council study the commitment procedures for individuals with mental illness; 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