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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3062 (Representatives Boucher, Carlson, Herbel, Kerzman, Price) (Senator Krauter)

- A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study issues relating to the high and rising cost of prescription drugs in the United States and inequitable prescription drug pricing in the United States and possible methods of containing prescription drug costs.
- WHEREAS, rising prescription drug costs in the United States have significant financial impacts on insured individuals, Medicare recipients, state and federal Medicaid expenditures, and uninsured individuals; and
- WHEREAS, high costs of prescription drugs result in individuals taking their medication every other day, taking their medication in half doses, cutting back on necessary winter home heating, and cutting back on necessary food; and
- **WHEREAS**, the inequities in prescription drug costs in Canada, Mexico, and the United States are not consistent with the intent of the North American Free Trade Act; and
- **WHEREAS**, several states have initiated programs to address the affordability of prescription drugs, including Maine's Main Rx program and Indiana's Hoosier Rx and several states have introduced legislation to address the issue of affordability of prescription drugs, including Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio;

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

That the Legislative Council study issues relating to the high and rising cost of prescription drugs in the United States and inequitable prescription drug pricing in the United States and possible methods of containing prescription drug costs; 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.

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