

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4026**

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact legislation to address the adverse economic  
2 impact on businesses and the economic health of North Dakota caused by the low water levels  
3 of the federally managed reservoirs on the Missouri River in North Dakota.

4 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota lost more than 500,000 acres of valuable river  
5 bottom lands as a result of construction in the Missouri River reservoirs under the federal Flood  
6 Control Act of 1944, causing an annual loss of millions of dollars in economic gross product and  
7 an additional annual loss in personal income as well as other serious impacts to individuals,  
8 political subdivisions, and North Dakota's Indian nations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, operation of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River dams has provided great  
10 benefits to the downstream states but relatively few benefits to the areas of the state directly  
11 affected by the project; and

12 **WHEREAS**, areas affected by the Pick-Sloan Missouri River dams have been working  
13 diligently to bring about some economic recovery to help alleviate the losses caused by the  
14 project during the last 50 years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, federal management of the reservoirs in North Dakota to ensure plentiful  
16 water deliveries to downstream states has led to dangerously low water conditions on the  
17 federally managed lakes in North Dakota; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the low lake levels have had a devastating impact on the businesses  
19 dependent on the lakes as well as detrimentally impacting the entire economy of North Dakota,  
20 including recreational use of the lakes;

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

23 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to enact legislation to address  
24 the adverse economic impact on businesses and the economic health of North Dakota by the  
25 low water levels of the federally managed reservoirs on the Missouri River in North Dakota; and

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
2 resolution to the President of the United States; the Secretary of the Interior; the District  
3 Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Division Commander of  
4 the Northwestern Division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the  
5 Army; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.