

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3040
(Representatives Keiser, Carlson, Iverson, Koppelman, Ruby)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the unemployment insurance tax rate structure; the structure's impact on the unemployment insurance trust fund, with special focus on the impact of the current unemployment insurance tax structure on new businesses; the historical cyclical risks faced by the industries in which new businesses are beginning to operate; and whether the unemployment insurance tax impact is reasonably favorable to the desired economic development of the state.

WHEREAS, the unemployment insurance tax structure can and does impact the overall economic development of the state of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the current unemployment insurance rate structure was defined statutorily by the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, and has seen minor changes in the succeeding legislative sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly considered, but did not enact, House Bill No. 1425 which would have created a new business rate for certain classes of employers; and

WHEREAS, consideration of appropriate unemployment insurance tax rates for new businesses must take into account the historical data indicating the cyclical economic risks the relevant industries have faced; and

WHEREAS, the question of the impact of unemployment insurance tax rates on new businesses needs more comprehensive study before rates are substantially changed;

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

That the Legislative Council study the unemployment insurance tax rate structure; the structure's impact on the unemployment insurance trust fund, with special focus on the impact of the current unemployment insurance tax structure on new businesses; the historical cyclical risks faced by the industries in which new businesses are beginning to operate; and whether the unemployment insurance tax impact is reasonably favorable to the desired economic development of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, to the Sixtieth 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 _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State