

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025

(Representatives Ekstrom, Klein, Wald)

(Senators Bakke, Grindberg, Horne)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study possible methods of growing North Dakota's population and increasing the available workforce in the state.

WHEREAS, during the decade before the last decennial census, the population of the state grew by one-half of one percent, which was the smallest relative growth rate of all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, during the early part of this decade, the estimates of the United States Census Bureau indicated that the population of the state declined, and the estimated population of the state remains below the actual population in 2000; and

WHEREAS, three population trends affecting the state--rural depopulation, outmigration of young adults and young families, and an increasing proportion of the elderly--contribute toward a difficulty in businesses meeting workforce needs;

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

That the Legislative Council study possible methods of growing North Dakota's population and increasing the available workforce in the state; 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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.