

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4037

Introduced by

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(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to coordinate
2 annually with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to ensure that adequate shoreline
3 fishing areas are available to satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of North Dakota.

4 **WHEREAS**, the number of anglers utilizing the shorelines of Lake Sakakawea and Lake
5 Oahe has declined substantially in the last ten years; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the average age of North Dakota anglers has increased to 51 years of age;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, with low water conditions there is increased habitat for endangered species
9 and allowing increased but limited access would not have any adverse impact on these
10 endangered species or archaeological resources; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress and its constituent fishing,
12 sportsmen's, and wildlife clubs have unanimously approved a resolution requesting the United
13 States Army Corps of Engineers to modify its master plan to set aside specifically designated
14 shore-fishing access areas along the shores of Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe; and

15 **WHEREAS**, at a minimum, these shore-fishing access sites should consist of an area
16 extending one-half mile on either side of each boating access site and recreationally zoned
17 area; and

18 **WHEREAS**, vehicles should only be allowed to travel to and from the fishing location
19 and be restricted to the exposed shoreline;

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

22 That the 60th Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers to
23 coordinate annually with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to ensure that adequate
24 shoreline fishing areas are available to satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of North
25 Dakota; and

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