

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3013
(Representatives Zaiser, Amerman, Delmore, Griffin, Kaldor)
(Senator Potter)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the availability of legal representation to assist injured employees in understanding and pursuing Workforce Safety and Insurance decisions.

WHEREAS, during the 2007-08 interim, the interim Industry, Business, and Labor Committee and the Workers' Compensation Review Committee studied workers' compensation issues, including receipt of testimony from injured employees who expressed concern with the lack of availability of lawyers willing to represent injured employees in workers' compensation cases; and

WHEREAS, the state's workers' compensation laws can be complex and difficult for a layperson to navigate; and

WHEREAS, the importance of making knowledge-based decisions in workers' compensation matters is evidenced by Workforce Safety and Insurance's use of legal representation; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota law and Workforce Safety and Insurance administrative rules address the terms under which an injured employee may be reimbursed for attorney's fees and costs;

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

That the Legislative Council study the availability of legal representation to assist injured employees in understanding and pursuing Workforce Safety and Insurance decisions; 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-second 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 _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State