

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4027
(Senators Taylor, Flakoll, Olafson)
(Representatives Belter, Boe, Froelich)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the leasing of state lands.

WHEREAS, state lands in North Dakota are managed by the Board of University and School Lands or the Land Department; and

WHEREAS, currently these lands are leased at public auction for a maximum lease term of five years; and

WHEREAS, state lands have been sold in the past; and

WHEREAS, whether and to what extent a preference is given to the lessee should be reviewed; and

WHEREAS, extending the lease term from five years to seven or ten years may be more efficient in that it would reduce the cost of land auctions and encourage lessees to make improvements that they otherwise would not make under a shorter lease term; and

WHEREAS, promoting policies that encourage good land stewardship would be beneficial to the state;

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

That the Legislative Council study the leasing of state lands; 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.