

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

CHAPTER 538

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3001

(Legislative Management)
(Budget Section)

A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Management to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 creating the community services block grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly is required to conduct public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Appropriations Committees have met the public hearing requirement for community services block grant program money expected for the next biennium by the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly cannot hold public hearings on revisions to current block grants or additional block grants that may be approved by Congress after recess or adjournment of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly will not meet in regular session during 2020, and thus its public hearing responsibility for grants not approved by the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly must be delegated to a legislative entity.

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

That the Department of Commerce appropriation bill enacted by the Legislative Assembly is the Legislative Assembly's approval of and contains directions regarding the use of community services block grant program money for the period ending September 30, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Section of the Legislative Management may hold the public legislative hearings required for the receipt of additional block grants or other federal moneys under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 or other relevant federal statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority granted by this resolution is in effect during the period from the recess or adjournment of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly through September 30, 2021, and the Budget Section may provide public notice and hold the hearings authorized by this resolution using the methods and procedures it deems appropriate.

Filed March 11, 2019

CHAPTER 539

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3004

(Representative Toman)

A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to study the potential benefit value of blockchain technology implementation and utilization in state government administration and affairs.

WHEREAS, blockchain is a decentralized distributed ledger technology which allows creation, validation, and encrypted transaction of digital assets to happen and be recorded in an incorruptible way; and

WHEREAS, blockchain allows peer-to-peer and business-to-business transactions to be completed without the need for a third party, which is often a bank, effectively reducing transaction costs; and

WHEREAS, recording transactions through blockchain virtually eliminates human error and protects the data from possible tampering; and

WHEREAS, a hyperconnected government enables unprecedented transparency and efficiency where services are tailored to an individual's needs; and

WHEREAS, new blockchain systems could focus on other types of transactions, such as exchanging titles for houses or cars, essentially decentralizing the infrastructure for these sales and making them faster and cheaper compared to what would normally be a slow complicated trudge through bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Wyoming have introduced legislation for possible implementation of blockchain in state government; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia and Utah have begun blockchain pilot projects related to voting at primary elections, Delaware and Illinois have sponsored initiatives on blockchain, and the Governor of Colorado has created a blockchain-related council;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the potential benefit value of blockchain technology implementation and utilization in state government administration and affairs, including a comprehensive assessment of government areas in which blockchain technology can assist with agency affairs and administration, accounting and budgeting, transactions, creating necessary audit trails, authorizing a decision, authenticating authority, and establishing a system of record; and an analytical evaluation of implementing smart contracts to improve efficiencies in contract enforcement, the cost-effectiveness and increased security of utilizing a blockchain technology electronic voting system, and the exploration of other eGovernment services and applications, such as identity management, tax collection, land registry, distribution of benefits, and digital exchanges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendation, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 3, 2019

CHAPTER 540

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3005

(Representatives Schatz, Kempenich, Strinden, Dockter)
(Senators Krebsbach, Kannianen, Oehlke)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to protect American consumers by advancing a coordinated effort to address, promote, and provide an effective and innovative solution to combat illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing".

WHEREAS, a robocall is an automated telephone call delivering a recorded message, often on behalf of a telemarketing company or as part of a fraudulent scheme; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 98 million robocalls are received daily in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission receives approximately 200,000 complaints each year regarding robocalls; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Federal Trade Commission received 4.5 million complaints about unwanted calls; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Trade Commission, fraud from illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted calls amounts to approximately \$9.5 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in the United States waste an estimated 20 million hours per year dealing with illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls, translating to at least \$475 million in lost productivity annually; and

WHEREAS, robocalls have been combined with a process called "call spoofing" in which a call appears to originate from a local, often legitimate, number to trick the call recipient into answering the call; and

WHEREAS, under the federal Truth in Caller ID Act, individuals are prohibited from transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongly obtain anything of value; and

WHEREAS, as technology continues to evolve the number of robocalls and "call spoofing" continues to grow and although the Federal Communications Commission has initiated new policy initiatives to combat illegal robocalls and "call spoofing", more needs to be done;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the President of the United States to protect American consumers by advancing a coordinated effort among the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission,

and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to effectively address, promote, and provide an effective and innovative solution to combat illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to grant additional authority to the Federal Communications Commission to allow the agency to stop unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federal Communications Commission is urged to educate the public on how to report illegal telephone calls; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Federal Trade Commission, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 5, 2019

CHAPTER 541

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3009

(Representatives Roers Jones, M. Johnson, O'Brien, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck)
(Senators J. Lee, Oban, J. Roers, Unruh)

A concurrent resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which provided women the right to vote, and urging Congress to continue working to provide equal rights to women.

WHEREAS, the women's rights movement began in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848 when the first-ever Women's Rights Convention was organized by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton; and

WHEREAS, the convention started a 72-year national battle to achieve "Votes for Women", which played out in every state capitol as well as Congress until the ratification of the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, 2017 marks 100 years since New York State signed women's suffrage into law, three years before the United States adopted the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson called a special session of Congress and on May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed a bill calling for a constitutional amendment with the Senate following suit on June 4, 1919; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota ratified the amendment on December 1, 1919, and on August 18, 1920, ratification was completed with approval by the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the 1920 election became the first United States presidential election in which women were permitted to vote in every state;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly recognizes the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution and urges the Congress of the United States to continue to provide equal rights for women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 19, 2019

CHAPTER 542

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011

(Representatives Schreiber-Beck, D. Johnson, Longmuir, Marschall, Pyle, Zubke)
(Senators Fors, Kreun, Oban, Vedaa)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying those provisions of the North Dakota Century Code which relate to the provision of elementary and secondary education.

WHEREAS, the state's statutory framework for the provision of elementary and secondary education is codified as North Dakota Century Code Title 15.1; and

WHEREAS, since the last elementary and secondary education statutory revision, which was completed in 2001, there have been many changes to the laws relating to the provision of elementary and secondary education; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review and revision of the elementary and secondary education statutory framework is essential for setting clear objectives and directives for education in the state;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying those provisions of the North Dakota Century Code which relate to the provision of elementary and secondary education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of the study is to recommend changes to any laws found to be irrelevant, duplicative, inconsistent, or unclear; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 28, 2019

CHAPTER 543

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3014

(Representatives Beadle, Blum, Dockter, Howe, Lefor, Mock, Pyle, Roers Jones, M. Ruby)

A concurrent resolution congratulating Carson Wentz for his outstanding season, culminating with a 2018 National Football League Super Bowl Championship for the Philadelphia Eagles.

WHEREAS, prior to attending North Dakota State University, Carson Wentz attended Century High School in Bismarck where he played quarterback and defensive back for the football team, excelled in basketball and baseball, and in his effort to achieve a childhood fantasy, focused as much on academics as he did athletics, and hustled to the top of his class to graduate as a class valedictorian in 2011; and

WHEREAS, never one to shy away from a challenge, Carson Wentz became the starting quarterback at North Dakota State University in 2014, leading the Bison football team to its fourth and fifth consecutive NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision championship titles; and

WHEREAS, Carson Wentz was named the College Sports Information Directors of America Division I All-American of the year during the 2015 and 2016 seasons, graduated from North Dakota State University with a 4.0 grade point average, and earned the attention of sports professionals from 06010 to 19147; and

WHEREAS, early in the first round of the 2016 National Football League (NFL) draft, the Philadelphia Eagles selected North Dakota State University graduate Carson Wentz, who has the poise and zip recruiters seek, as the second overall pick, the highest selection for a North Dakotan in the history of the NFL; and

WHEREAS, starting as quarterback for each of the Philadelphia Eagles' 16 games during his rookie season, Carson Wentz finished with a record-breaking 379 completions by a rookie and was thrice named Rookie of the Week; followed by the 2017 season during which Carson Wentz dominated the Field with 3,296 passing yards, 33 touchdowns, 7 interceptions, a 60.2 completion percentage, and a 101.9 quarterback rating; and

WHEREAS, despite missing the final three games of the 2017-18 NFL season, Carson Wentz, the Talented, Mature, and Respected captain of the Philadelphia Eagles, was named the FedEx Air Player of the Year, named to the 2018 Pro Bowl team, and won the 2017 Bert Bell Award for Pro Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Carson Wentz continues to ring the Bell of charity and community service through the AO1 foundation, whose mission is to "demonstrate the love of God by providing opportunities and support for the less fortunate and those in need";

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly takes great pride in extending to Carson Wentz its heartiest congratulations for winning the 2018 NFL Super Bowl Championship and wishes Carson Wentz the best of luck as he continues to represent his home state in the National Football League with his North Dakota Tough attitude, in pursuit of Super Bowl Championships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward enrolled copies of this resolution to Carson Wentz, the principal of Century High School in Bismarck, the president of North Dakota State University, the commissioner of the National Football League, and the owners of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Filed March 19, 2019

CHAPTER 544

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3015

(Representatives Satrom, Schauer, Vetter)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying best practices to reduce offender recidivism, increase educational opportunities, prepare incarcerated offenders to rejoin their communities, establish and implement a community transitional housing program, including independent host homes, and encourage communities to reintegrate previously incarcerated individuals into society.

WHEREAS, the state releases approximately 1,400 inmates annually; and

WHEREAS, previously incarcerated individuals often face numerous barriers upon reintegration into society, including lack of adequate housing, transportation, support systems, training, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, previously incarcerated individuals may benefit from resources and assistance upon reintegration into society, including vocational training, substance abuse treatment, short-term housing, and remedial education; and

WHEREAS, the state has over 14,000 job openings; and

WHEREAS, the employment gap in our communities may be positively impacted through the successful re-entry of previously incarcerated individuals into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, our communities should be encouraged to assist and support previously incarcerated individuals reintegrating into society in an effort to reduce recidivism and encourage lawful employment;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying best practices to reduce offender recidivism, increase educational opportunities, prepare incarcerated offenders to rejoin their communities, establish and implement a community transitional housing program, including independent host homes, and encourage communities to reintegrate previously incarcerated individuals into society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting the study, the Legislative Management may seek technical assistance, as appropriate, from the Council of State Governments' Justice Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 28, 2019

CHAPTER 545

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3018

(Representatives D. Anderson, Schatz, Schmidt, Westlind)
(Senators Mathern, Robinson, Vedaa)

A concurrent resolution urging the Congress of the United States to provide veterans with medical coverage for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy.

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates between 1.6 million to 3.8 million concussions occur each year; and

WHEREAS, efforts must be made to reduce the risk and health care costs for the country, veterans, and others with brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, veterans injured in the line of duty deserve the best treatment our nation can offer; and

WHEREAS, veterans suffering with traumatic brain injuries or posttraumatic stress disorder are prescribed symptom-reducing drugs; and

WHEREAS, in essence, veterans are warehoused and discharged, dependent on costly antidepressants and other antipsychotic medicines that promote dangerous dependencies and may result in lethal interactions; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the United States, accounting for approximately 2 million emergency room visits, 230,000 to 500,000 hospital admissions, and 52,000 deaths annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a medical treatment that enhances the body's natural healing process by inhalation of 100 percent oxygen in a total body chamber, where atmospheric pressure is increased and controlled, and which is used for a wide variety of treatments as a part of an overall medical care plan; and

WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy and improving diagnostics have emerged as a promising and effective treatment in healing injured brains and subsequently reducing, and in some cases completely alleviating, the symptoms associated with the traumatic brain injury;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to provide veterans with medical coverage for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the Congress of the United States.

Filed April 5, 2019

CHAPTER 546

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019

(Representatives Karls, Martinson, Zubke)
(Senators Dwyer, Marcellais, Vedaa)

A concurrent resolution expressing gratitude for the outstanding services provided to North Dakota veterans by the Veterans Honor Flight of North Dakota and Minnesota and the North Dakota Native Veterans Honor Flight.

WHEREAS, the Veterans Honor Flight of North Dakota and Minnesota and the North Dakota Native Veterans Honor Flight are volunteer organizations providing North Dakota and Minnesota veterans an opportunity to tour Washington D.C. at no cost to the veteran; and

WHEREAS, participating veterans are provided tours of the Arlington National Cemetery, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, World War II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and the National Archives; and

WHEREAS, participating veterans are provided a vehicle tour of Washington D.C., including viewing the White House, United States Capitol, Supreme Court Building, Library of Congress, Naval Memorial, Air Force Memorial, and Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, all funds for the flights and tours are provided by donations from generous individuals and businesses to pay for the flights, meals, hotels, and other expenses of each veteran; and

WHEREAS, More than 70 volunteers work to provide this "trip of a lifetime" to North Dakota and Minnesota veterans;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly expresses appreciation for the tireless work provided by volunteers and generous donors for the services provided to North Dakota and Minnesota veterans through the Veterans Honor Flight of North Dakota and Minnesota and the North Dakota Native Veterans Honor Flight; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the chairpersons of the Veterans Honor Flight of North Dakota and Minnesota and the North Dakota Native Veterans Honor Flight.

Filed April 5, 2019

CHAPTER 547

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3022

(Representative Vigesaa)
(Senator Dever)

A concurrent resolution designating House and Senate employment positions and fixing compensation.

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

That for the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly, the following positions are designated as employee positions of the House and Senate and are to be paid the daily wages indicated:

HOUSE

Chief clerk	\$201
Assistant chief clerk	177
Journal reporter	191
Calendar clerk	177
Bill clerk	165
Recording clerk	160
Sergeant-at-arms	160
Administrative assistant to majority leader	174
Staff assistant to majority leader	174
Administrative assistant to minority leader	174
Staff assistant to minority leader	174
Administrative assistant to Speaker	174
Deputy chief clerk	184
Appropriations committee clerk	174
Assistant appropriations committee clerk	167
Committee clerk for three-day committee	167
Committee clerk for two-day committee	162
Assistant committee clerk	162
Deputy sergeant-at-arms	122
Chief legislative assistant	135
Legislative assistant	115

SENATE

Secretary of the senate	\$201
Assistant secretary of the Senate	177
Journal reporter	191
Calendar clerk	177
Bill clerk	165
Recording clerk	160
Sergeant-at-arms	160
Administrative assistant to majority leader	174
Staff assistant to majority leader	174

Administrative assistant to minority leader	174
Staff assistant to minority leader	174
Chief committee clerk	184
Appropriations committee clerk	174
Assistant appropriations committee clerk	167
Committee clerk for three-day committee	167
Committee clerk for two-day committee	162
Assistant committee clerk	162
Deputy sergeant-at-arms	122
Chief page	135
Legislative assistant	115

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each employee of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly is entitled to an additional \$1 per day for each previous regular session of the Legislative Assembly during which that employee was paid for at least 45 days, as either an employee of the House or the Senate, and to receive this additional compensation, which may not exceed \$10 per day, that employee must certify to the Legislative Council the year of each regular session during which that employee was employed as required by this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each majority and each minority leader is entitled to one administrative assistant and two staff assistants, but each majority or minority leader may hire fewer or more assistants so long as the total daily compensation for the assistants hired does not exceed the total daily amount authorized for those positions by this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report of the Employment Committee of the respective house identify the number of employees in each position by listing every employee and the position for which employed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the approval of the Employment Committee of the respective house, a position may be converted to a part-time position, with the daily compensation converted to a per hour rate of pay, and a part-time employee may hold more than one part-time position so long as the positions held do not exceed a full-time equivalent position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an employee is entitled to pay for any day the Legislative Assembly is in recess and any employee is required to be present for committee hearings or other legislative business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any employee resigns, is discharged, or for other reasons terminates employment, the compensation provided by this resolution for that employee ceases effective the last day of employment.

Filed January 23, 2019

CHAPTER 548

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3023

(Representatives Satrom, Grueneich, Hoverson, Paulson, Schauer, Strinden)

A concurrent resolution honoring the service and devotion our fallen armed forces veterans have made to this great nation.

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the United States armed forces proudly serve this country and risk their lives to protect our freedom; and

WHEREAS, thousands of American men and women have selflessly dedicated their lives in service as peacemakers and peacekeepers; and

WHEREAS, 5,000 to 6,500 veterans commit suicide annually in the United States and the suicide rate for veterans is more than three times higher than for nonveterans; and

WHEREAS, combat trauma, health issues, and emotional issues caused by the combat service of our veterans have led to the premature death of thousands of this nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS, greater strides must be made to demonstrate the appreciation and gratitude our loyal military veterans deserve for their service and dedication to this nation;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly honors the service and devotion our fallen armed forces veterans have made to this great nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 3, 2019

CHAPTER 549

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3024

(Representatives Satrom, Rohr, Schmidt)
(Senator Schaible)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to amend federal law, policies, and regulations relating to food safety and labeling to allow for standards and criteria to differentiate food products derived from animal products from those derived from laboratory-produced, cell-cultured meat products.

WHEREAS, the establishment of standards to identify and properly label food products to differentiate between animal and laboratory-produced, cell-cultured meat products is necessary to adequately inform the general public of the contents of their food products; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of food product labeling standards reserving the use of the terms "meat," "pork," "beef," and "poultry" to products derived from traditional animal products is necessary to avoid misrepresentation; and

WHEREAS, market regulations through the Food Safety Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture are necessary to ensure certainty and consistency among food products offered for retail sale;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to amend federal law, policies, and regulations relating to food safety and labeling to allow for standards and criteria to differentiate food products derived from animal products from those derived from laboratory-produced, cell-cultured meat products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 7, 2019

CHAPTER 550

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025

(Representatives Blum, Grueneich, Headland, Kasper, Lefor, Louser, Nathe, Owens,
Pollert, D. Ruby)
(Senators Unruh, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President to fund construction of a wall and border control impediments along with the strengthening of border control infrastructure, and urging Congress and the President to ensure compliance with and enforcement of federal immigration laws.

WHEREAS, the United States of America takes in more legal immigrants than any nation in the world and the legal immigrants have overwhelmingly proven to be assets to the communities in which they settle, and North Dakotans welcome all races, religions, and creeds to our beloved state who immigrate legally to North Dakota to mix with and to add to our great American melting pot; and

WHEREAS, existing federal immigration laws when ardently and equally enforced honor the rich tradition of immigration and the rule of law upon which the American republic was founded; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the federal government to protect national borders and secure the sovereignty of the United States of America as well as to enforce immigration and employment laws for the protection of American citizens; and

WHEREAS, national security and law enforcement agencies repeatedly have identified the entire United States border with Mexico as a major national security concern and a 2018 National Border Patrol Council survey of more than 600 agents in two of the Border Patrol's busiest sectors, resulted in 89 percent of line agents affirming a "wall system in strategic locations is necessary to securing the border"; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of existing federal immigration laws, especially those regarding national security, immigration, and employment are necessary for the preservation of the sovereignty of this nation and the well-being of the American people; and

WHEREAS, strengthening the nation's southern border control infrastructure also will alleviate the hardship experienced by the federal employees who are furloughed due to the federal government being shutdown;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the President to fund construction of a wall and border control impediments along with the strengthening of border control infrastructure to ensure compliance with and enforcement of federal immigration laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 3, 2019

CHAPTER 551

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026

(Representative Keiser)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the Internal Revenue Service to allow states to determine health benefit coverage requirements without jeopardizing health savings account eligibility.

WHEREAS, high-deductible health plans have become the fastest growing product in the insurance market and health savings accounts (HSAs) insure tens-of-millions of Americans in the employer market and millions more who shop within each state's individual market; and

WHEREAS, HSAs are regulated primarily by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), with one critical feature of qualification being the prohibition of covering medical expenses that are not preventive in nature without cost-sharing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to federal law, states regulate the business of insurance and thus the quality and quantity of health insurance products available within each state's borders and states decide what benefits must be covered by a policy of insurance within their borders; and

WHEREAS, by enacting first-dollar insurance mandates or coverage requirements for benefits other than preventive care, states risk disqualifying otherwise HSA-qualified fully insured plans; and

WHEREAS, in states in which a nonpreventive benefit is required to be covered without cost-sharing, HSA owners become ineligible to contribute to their HSAs and must find replacement health insurance;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the IRS to allow states to determine health benefit coverage requirements without jeopardizing HSA eligibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 6, 2019

CHAPTER 552

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3027

(Representative Keiser)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the expansion of the Public Employees Retirement System's uniform group insurance health benefits for long-term state employees who separate from employment due to reduction in force or retirement.

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota relies on and benefits from state employees who make a career of civil service; and

WHEREAS, state law recognizes long-serving civil servants by allowing retirement based on a calculation of age and years of service, with approximately 37 percent of our Public Employees Retirement System retirees retiring under this rule; and

WHEREAS, budget constraints during the previous 4 years necessitated reduction in force termination of career state employees, with 95 positions eliminated from January 1, 2016, through December 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, our health insurance system heavily relies on employer-sponsored health insurance; and

WHEREAS, state employees who separate from employment before reaching Medicare age due to reduction in force or retirement are faced with the challenge of finding affordable health insurance;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the expansion of the Public Employees Retirement System's uniform group insurance health benefits for long-term state employees who separate from employment due to reduction in force or retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 3, 2019

CHAPTER 553

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3029

(Representatives Steiner, B. Anderson, Lefor, Meier, Rohr, D. Ruby)
(Senators Kannianen, Luick, Myrdal)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to pass a federal prohibition on abortions performed 20 weeks postfertilization.

WHEREAS, a bill prohibiting abortions from being performed 20 weeks postfertilization passed in the United States House of Representatives in 2013, 2015, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the bill prohibiting abortions from being performed 20 weeks postfertilization failed to pass in the United States Senate by only nine votes; and

WHEREAS, over twenty states, including North Dakota, have implemented laws, with varying exceptions, prohibiting abortions from being performed 20 weeks postfertilization;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to pass a federal prohibition on abortions performed 20 weeks postfertilization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 19, 2019

CHAPTER 554

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030

(Representatives Keiser, Boschee, Pollert)
(Senators Heckaman, Klein, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution to recognize Monday, March 4, 2019, as "North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance Day" and to congratulate Workforce Safety and Insurance on its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, on this day in 1919, the then known Workmen's Compensation Bureau was established by the 16th North Dakota Legislative Assembly under House Bill No. 56 (1919) with a comprehensive set of workers compensation laws designed to provide a safety net for employees hurt on the job in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, this event signifies Workforce Safety and Insurance as providing sure and certain relief to injured employees and their families for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is just one of four states in the country to have this exclusive arrangement with its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Safety and Insurance is funded solely by employer premiums and receives no general fund tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many Legislative Assemblies and citizen-led efforts that improved the workers' compensation system in North Dakota and provided support for Workforce Safety and Insurance during its 100-year history; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Safety and Insurance is known nationally as a state program with favorable benefits for injured workers, fair reimbursements for medical providers, and the lowest premiums in the country for employers; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, due to favorable fund investment results, Workforce Safety and Insurance has returned more than \$1.25 billion to North Dakota employers through premium dividends; and

WHEREAS, we honor the memory of many Workforce Safety and Insurance employees, board members, injured employees and their families, employers, and medical providers who have helped shape and expand the benefits, safety services, and programs offered by Workforce Safety and Insurance; and further thank Workforce Safety and Insurance's current employees for their ongoing dedication and contributions to fulfill their mission "to care for injured workers";

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly recognizes March 4, 2019, as "North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance Day"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens of North Dakota are urged to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, members of the Workforce Safety and Insurance Board of Directors, and members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 6, 2019

CHAPTER 555

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031

(Representative Klemin)
(Senator Wardner)

A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to study the juvenile justice process, levels of collaboration among various service systems, implementation of dispositional alternatives, and methods for improving outcomes for juveniles involved in the process.

WHEREAS, within the judicial branch, the juvenile court system is responsible for the adjudication and disposition of allegations that a juvenile is deprived, unruly, or has committed a delinquent act; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the juvenile court process, other entities are involved in addressing juvenile justice issues, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation through the Division of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Services, the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigent Defense, regional human service centers, K-12 public schools, and a wide variety of treatment providers; and

WHEREAS, an effective resolution of juvenile justice issues must address recidivism, improve service access, efficiently use system resources, and collaborate with other service systems to identify the spectrum of needs of a juvenile involved in the system; and

WHEREAS, the current juvenile justice process has not been reviewed in almost 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the current process poses concerns for ensuring the most effective use of probation services, access to adequate support services, the potential for unwarranted institutional placements, and the need to distinguish between deprived juveniles and unruly and delinquent juveniles with respect to dispositions and service access;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the juvenile justice process, levels of collaboration among various service systems, implementation of dispositional alternatives, and methods for improving outcomes for juveniles involved in the process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting the study, the Legislative Management may seek technical assistance, as appropriate, from the Council of State Governments' Justice Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 1, 2019

CHAPTER 556

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3032

(Representatives Vigesaa, Bellew, Devlin, D. Johnson, Keiser, Monson)
(Senators Holmberg, Klein, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution urging North Dakota to continue strengthening the sister-state ties between North Dakota and the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan); supporting the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan; and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

WHEREAS, North Dakota and Taiwan entered a sister-state relationship in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights as North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota and Taiwan look forward to further promoting the relationship for mutual trade, education, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal Bilateral Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade, which will increase North Dakota's exports to Taiwan and promote bilateral investments; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, a United States public law, which built a strong foundation for the ties between the United States and Taiwan and assures the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the two; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization and International Civil Aviation Organization;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges North Dakota to continue its endorsement and support of the relationship and shared interests between the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and North Dakota and celebrate the 33rd anniversary of sister-state relations; that the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly endorses the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States; and that the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations that support the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Taiwan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary of State, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization, United States Secretary of Transportation,

Governor of the Taiwan Provincial Government, and Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado.

Filed March 6, 2019

CHAPTER 557

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033

(Representative Devlin)

A concurrent resolution requiring the flag of the United States of America to be flown in Memorial Hall at all times in honor of veterans and members of the armed forces.

WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02 provides the placement of any permanent display in the Legislative Hall or the Memorial Hall is subject to approval of the Legislative Management, and under Legislative Management policy any nonpermanent display is permitted for no more than 30 days; and

WHEREAS, an American flag has not been displayed in the Memorial Hall at all times in the past; and

WHEREAS, the flag of the United States of America serves as a beacon of hope and liberty to the world; a symbol of our unity, freedom, and patriotism; and a reminder of the honor due to veterans and members of the armed forces; North Dakotans hold veterans and members of the armed forces in high esteem and express gratitude for the service they have rendered to our country; and

WHEREAS, in the words of President Ronald Reagan, "[w]e remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause";

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

That the flag of the United States of America must be flown, in accordance with the United States flag code, at all times in Memorial Hall.

Filed April 3, 2019

CHAPTER 558

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3035

(Representatives Richter, Hatlestad, Keiser, Klemin)

A concurrent resolution congratulating Cara Mund for being crowned Miss America 2018.

WHEREAS, the young woman selected annually as Miss North Dakota epitomizes the finest traditions of North Dakota through her talent, scholarship, service to others, and style; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2017, Cara Mund, a native of Bismarck and a graduate of Bismarck Century High School, was crowned Miss North Dakota 2018, representing the pride and joy of the Peace Garden State; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota joins in celebrating Cara Mund's outstanding achievement of being crowned Miss America 2018 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on September 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Cara Mund was the first contestant from North Dakota to be awarded the title of Miss America; and

WHEREAS, Cara Mund is the only Miss America to be invited as a guest at the State of the Union address in Washington, D.C. in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Miss America, Cara Mund served as the National Goodwill Ambassador for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and promoted her personal platform, the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Cara Mund has brought honor and pride to North Dakota and the Miss North Dakota Scholarship Organization, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Cara Mund is a trailblazer and embodies the legendary spirit of North Dakota;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly takes great pride in extending to Cara Mund its heartiest congratulations and encourages all citizens of North Dakota to join in celebrating her outstanding achievements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward this resolution to Cara Mund.

Filed April 5, 2019

CHAPTER 559

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3041

(Representatives Buffalo, P. Anderson, Dobervich, Hager, Hanson, Holman, M. Nelson)
(Senators Dotzenrod, Kannianen, Oban, Schaible)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to pass Savanna's Act.

WHEREAS, homicide is the third leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women between 10 and 24 years of age and the fifth leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years of age; and

WHEREAS, in some tribal communities, American Indian women are murdered at more than 10 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, Native American and Alaska Native women are at least two times more likely to experience rape or sexual assault and two and one-half times more likely to experience violent crimes compared to all other races, and those factors often are tied to cases involving a disappearance or murder; and

WHEREAS, the National Crime Information Center reported 5,712 cases of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls in 2016, yet the United States Department of Justice's federal missing persons database only logged 116 cases; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, North Dakota had 125 cases of Native American women and girls reported missing to the National Crime Information Center, with many cases likely going unreported; and

WHEREAS, Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, for whom the federal legislation is named, was a member of the Spirit Lake Tribe and vanished when she was eight months pregnant; and

WHEREAS, Savanna's Act will improve tribal access to federal crime information databases on missing persons and cooperation among tribal, federal, state, and local law enforcement, and will mandate the Attorney General consult with tribes and submit a report to Congress on how to resolve the barriers tribes face;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to pass Savanna's Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 1, 2019

CHAPTER 560

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3042

(Representatives Beadle, Blum, Mock, O'Brien, Owens, Sanford)
(Senators Bakke, Holmberg, Kreun, Meyer)

A concurrent resolution thanking the Engelstad family for their generosity on behalf of all North Dakotans.

WHEREAS, the late Ralph Engelstad made a historic and generous gift of the finest facility of its kind in the world; and

WHEREAS, the 400,000 square foot facility, which has hosted numerous concerts and live events, including the 2005 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship, has brought national and international attention to the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Sports Illustrated said, "The Ralph is the Taj Mahal of Hockey Venues"; and

WHEREAS, the Ralph Engelstad Arena is owned by the Engelstad Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Ralph Engelstad Arena has contributed over \$1 million a year for the operation of the arena and to the University of North Dakota for athletic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's daughter, Kris Engelstad McGarry, on behalf of the Engelstad Foundation, has provided another generous gift for a state-of-the-art video display; and

WHEREAS, the Ralph Engelstad Arena and its related facility, the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center, benefit all North Dakotans;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly extends a "thank you" and a deep appreciation from all North Dakota citizens to Kris Engelstad McGarry and her mother, Betty Engelstad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies to Betty Engelstad, Kris Engelstad McGarry, and the Engelstad Foundation.

Filed March 21, 2019

CHAPTER 561

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3043

(Representatives Porter, Boe, J. Nelson, Pollert, Toman)

(Senators Cook, Wardner)

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution declaring February 14, 2019, as Giving Hearts Day in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as the first one-day giving event of its kind in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Alex Stern Family Foundation joined Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as a cohost in 2014; and

WHEREAS, this 24-hour fundraising event in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota is dedicated to inspiring donations for charities at givingheartsday.org; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Medical Foundation, Impact Foundation, and Alex Stern Family Foundation jointly support givingheartsday.org to create a powerful, user-friendly website for donors to find and connect with regional charities and for nonprofits to receive donations and recruit volunteers; and

WHEREAS, last year, \$13.2 million was raised from more than 28,000 donors, directly benefiting 400 charitable causes, and since its start, nearly \$55 million has been raised; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day 2019 includes more than 450 charitable causes and spans the entire state of North Dakota and northwest Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, more than \$4 million has been committed by the cohosts, businesses, and other generous community members to be used for matches, awards, incentives, and scholarships benefiting participating Giving Hearts Day charities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to experience the joy of giving and ignite others to help great causes positively impact our communities;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly declares February 14, 2019, as Giving Hearts Day in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to Dakota Medical Foundation.

Filed February 14, 2019

CHAPTER 562

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3044

(Representatives Boschee, Guggisberg, Hoverson, M. Johnson, Kasper, Schneider)
(Senators Hogan, Kannianen, Oban, Wanzek)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Department of Human Services, and the private sector, the desirability and feasibility of developing and expanding asset-building opportunities, including a review of state and federal policies associated with government assistance which impede or improve low-income workers' ability to earn more income.

WHEREAS, North Dakota ranks high in job creation, has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, and is showing a rebounding economic growth rate; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the average adjusted gross income for individuals in North Dakota was nearly \$69,500, declining from a peak in 2013, but 10.3 percent of individuals and 11 percent of families live below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, 9 percent of households in North Dakota were food insecure at some time, with 3.5 percent of those households having very low food security; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's population has grown to an all-time high of 760,077 residents, and although the average age has declined, the population of individuals over the age of 65 is estimated to grow to 18 percent of the population by 2025; and

WHEREAS, 10.5 percent of North Dakotans have a disability that may impact their level of employment, and Social Security comprises the sole source or majority of income for 61 percent of individuals over the age of 65 in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, 6.3 percent of the population used high-cost, high-risk forms of credit, including payday loans, rent-to-own, and pawning to make ends meet;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Department of Human Services, and the private sector, the desirability and feasibility of developing and expanding asset-building opportunities, including a review of state and federal policies associated with government assistance which impede or improve low-income workers' ability to earn more income; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management and the Department of Human Services project the number of individuals who may be living with low incomes for the next 10 years and determine a self-sufficiency standard for North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 15, 2019

CHAPTER 563

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3047

(Representatives B. Koppelman, Eidson, Johnston, Kasper, Laning, Louser,
Marschall, Rohr)
(Senators Davison, Dever)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying state and federal veterans' programs, the programs' eligibility requirements, and the efficiency of public or private entities responsible for the administration of state and federal veterans' programs to ensure all current and future North Dakota veterans receive the care, assistance, and benefits to which the veterans are entitled.

WHEREAS, the Administrative Committee on Veterans' Affairs was established on July 1, 1971, and is responsible for the organization, policy, and general administration of all veterans' affairs in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Veterans' Affairs is to assist veterans of North Dakota and their dependents in obtaining all state and federal benefits to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state benefits available to eligible veterans and their dependents include health care benefits, employment benefits and assistance, educational benefits and tuition assistance, and housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of all state and federal veterans' programs and the programs' eligibility requirements, and an assessment of the efficiency of public or private entities responsible for the administration of state and federal veterans' programs is necessary to ensure all current and future North Dakota veterans receive the care, assistance, and benefits to which the veterans are entitled;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying state and federal veterans' programs, the programs' eligibility requirements, and the efficiency of public or private entities responsible for the administration of state and federal veterans' programs to ensure all current and future North Dakota veterans receive the care, assistance, and benefits to which the veterans are entitled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study must include consultation with the Administrative Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Adjutant General, and any veterans organization seeking to provide input; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 5, 2019

CHAPTER 564

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3048

(Representatives Magrum, Fegley, Johnston, Karls, Satrom, Simons)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the feasibility and desirability of establishing a wind reclamation fund and whether the statutorily required minimum wind turbine setback distances provide adequate protections to nonparticipating landowners and their property.

WHEREAS, wind power is the fastest-growing source of electricity in the world and North Dakota is a leading state within wind power generation, with 21.5 percent of all in-state generated electricity in 2016 powered by wind; and

WHEREAS, wind energy can be a very environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable source of energy when careful decommissioning planning is undertaken to ensure the costs and benefits are shared equitably and there are no lasting impacts on the physical and cultural landscape; and

WHEREAS, the type of land used for wind energy generation often is agriculture, grazing, recreation, open space, scenic areas, wildlife habitat, and forest management and is typically suitable to areas of grazing or agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural and grazing land uses are disturbed by the construction of a wind turbine, and some intensive agriculture may be adversely impacted during operation; and

WHEREAS, without additional financial assurance requirements, property owners would be burdened with the financial responsibility of restoring land to the original condition after the decommissioning of a wind turbine; and

WHEREAS, establishing a wind reclamation fund would assist property owners with the excess costs associated with removal of a wind turbine, foundation and road removal, site remediation, abandonment, and repairing damage caused during decommissioning; and

WHEREAS, minimum wind turbine setback distance requirements are codified safety measures enacted to protect the land, property, and health of nonparticipating landowners; and

WHEREAS, noise, shadow flickering, ice fall, and turbine failure, produce risks to a nonparticipating landowner's land, property, and health which can be reasonably mitigated, minimized, or eliminated by requiring effective and feasible setback distances;

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

That the Legislative Management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of establishing a wind reclamation fund and whether the statutorily

required minimum wind turbine setback distances provide adequate protections to nonparticipating landowners and their property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 9, 2019

CHAPTER 565

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3051

(Representatives Vetter, Beadle, C. Johnson, Lefor, Louser, O'Brien)
(Senators Burckhard, Meyer)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the feasibility, desirability, and benefits of expanding the goods and services produced by Roughrider Industries into additional noncompetitive markets to provide inmates with the training and skills to successfully reintegrate inmates into society.

WHEREAS, Roughrider Industries is a division of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation whose mission is to employ inmates to produce quality goods and services in a self-sustaining manner that makes the time of incarceration productive, while preparing the inmates to reintegrate into society; and

WHEREAS, with over 97 percent of inmates returning to the streets, equipping inmates with the tools and job skills necessary to be productive and successful upon release reduces the cost of transition and retraining on society; and

WHEREAS, Roughrider Industries does not use tax dollars to support correctional programs, and all salaries, equipment, capital improvements, and operating expenses are paid from revenues generated from the sale of the products and services; and

WHEREAS, Roughrider Industries may sell directly to nonprofit organizations, political subdivisions, and governmental agencies, including federal, state, and tribal agencies, but may not sell directly to the general public; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review and assessment of whether the quality goods and services produced by Roughrider Industries should be expanded to cover additional noncompetitive goods and services, including clothing or computer hardware, is necessary to determine whether a mechanism allowing wholesaling of these additional noncompetitive goods and services directly to the general public would aid inmates in their successful rehabilitation and reintegration into society upon their release;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the feasibility, desirability, and benefits of expanding the goods and services produced by Roughrider Industries into additional noncompetitive markets to provide inmates with the training and skills to successfully reintegrate the inmates into society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study must include consultation with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and any private North Dakota business seeking to provide input; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 28, 2019

CHAPTER 566

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3052

(Representatives Mock, D. Ruby)
(Senators Bakke, Rust)

A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to study North Dakota Century Code Title 39, including traffic fines and penalties imposed by state and local governments, implementation of methods and mechanisms to improve traffic safety, decrease motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and injuries, and discourage impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt use in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, there are more than 15,000 vehicle crashes in North Dakota each year resulting in fatalities, injuries, and property damage; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, 113 people died on North Dakota roads; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, males aged 18 to 34 accounted for 36 percent of all unbelted crash fatalities, 44 percent of drivers in speed-related fatal crashes, and 44 percent of impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of motor vehicle fatalities in North Dakota are the result of driver behavior including impaired driving, speed, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt use; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,477 people nationwide were killed and an estimated 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015; and

WHEREAS, speed or driving too fast for conditions is a factor in about one-third of fatal crashes in North Dakota each year; and

WHEREAS, there may be several chapters within North Dakota Century Code Title 39 in need of updating or further review due to inconsistencies or statutory conflicts, including definitions of emergency vehicles, terminology related to Highway Patrol, title registration, and equipment and lighting requirements;

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

That during the 2019-20 interim, the Legislative Management shall consider studying the traffic fines and penalties imposed by state and local governments and conduct a complete analysis of North Dakota Century Code Title 39. The study must include a comprehensive assessment addressing any inconsistencies, conflicting chapters or sections, or lack of clarity within North Dakota Century Code Title 39 and a review of North Dakota's traffic fines, fees, and penalty statutes and compare them with the fines, fees, and penalties of other states; and include an analytical evaluation of methods to improve traffic safety, decrease motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and

injuries, and discourage impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt use in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendation, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 1, 2019

CHAPTER 567

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3054

(Representatives Dobervich, Weisz)
(Senators Dever, Hogan)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the necessary steps and resources, including funding, to eliminate human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States announced a plan in coordination with the United States Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate the transmission of HIV by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services initiative will aim to reduce new HIV infections by 75 percent within the next 5 years and 90 percent within the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with HIV infection who receive proper treatment and care can live healthy, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with HIV infection who achieve and maintain viral suppression effectively have no risk of sexual transmission to others; and

WHEREAS, individuals at high risk for HIV infection can reduce their risk of acquiring HIV significantly by taking medications known as pre-exposure prophylaxis; and

WHEREAS, community-based testing and treatment, as well as state resources, are vital to achieve eradication of HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota may require additional resources to achieve the goal of ending the HIV and AIDS epidemic in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the number of new HIV infections has nearly tripled in North Dakota in the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to education, testing, prevention services, and quality care and treatment will reduce HIV transmission in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, data obtained from a study will identify areas in greatest need of resources for prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, a study will determine the funding required by the state to meet the policy goals outlined by the federal government;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the necessary steps and resources, including funding, to eliminate HIV and AIDS in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 1, 2019

CHAPTER 568

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3056

(Representatives Buffalo, Boschee, J. Nelson, Satrom, Strinden)
(Senators Heckaman, Hogan, Kannianen, Marcellais, Mathern, Oban)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the issues and data reporting challenges related to missing and murdered indigenous people and human trafficking cases.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 39,000 indigenous people living in the state; and

WHEREAS, indigenous people are victimized by human trafficking at rates higher than that of the general population; and

WHEREAS, indigenous people are more than twice as likely to experience violent crimes and at least twice as likely to experience rape and sexual assault crimes compared to other races; and

WHEREAS, at least four out of five indigenous people have experienced violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, on some reservations, indigenous women are murdered at more than 10 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, homicide is the third leading cause of death among indigenous women between 10 and 24 years of age; and

WHEREAS, cases involving the disappearances of indigenous people often are difficult to track, investigate, and prosecute in part due to jurisdictional challenges, lack of resources, and lack of communication and coordination among federal, state, and tribal officials;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the issues and data reporting challenges related to missing and murdered indigenous people and human trafficking cases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 1, 2019

CHAPTER 569

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3057

(Representatives Mock, D. Anderson, C. Johnson, Vetter)

(Senators Meyer, Vedaa)

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution to recognize and congratulate the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association on its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Industrial Commission was established with the passage of House Bill No. 17 on February 25, 1919, comprised of the Governor, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, and was designated as the manager of certain utilities, industries, enterprises and business projects on behalf of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association was established with the passage of Senate Bill No. 20 on February 25, 1919, as a result of a long battle waged by farmers and progressives in an attempt to break the grain trade monopoly, have some control over pricing and grading of grain and for the purpose of encouraging and promoting agriculture, commerce, and industry; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Industrial Commission began the experiment of a state-owned mill in 1919 with the purchase of a small flour mill in Drake, North Dakota, with a daily capacity of 125 barrels per day; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1919, A. C. Townsley, founder and president of the Nonpartisan League, announced the State Mill and Elevator would be built in Grand Forks on land donated by the city; and

WHEREAS, at 11:00 a.m. on October 30, 1922, the first electronic mills of the State Mill and Elevator were turned on by Governor R. A. Nestos at the grand opening ceremony in front of 2,500 guests; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1970, a severe fire engulfed the top floors of the State Mill and Elevator, resulting in an 18-month suspension of operations while the building was salvaged and repaired; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1972, Governor William Guy presided over a rededication of the State Mill and Elevator which allowed operations to resume; and

WHEREAS, the State Mill and Elevator began with a daily production of 3,000 barrels per day in 1922 and grew into the largest flour mill in the United States, the 7th largest wheat milling company in the United States, and the only state-owned mill and elevator in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State Mill and Elevator grinds 33 million bushels of top quality spring wheat and durum per year and has the capacity to store 5 million bushels of grain; and

WHEREAS, the State Mill and Elevator ships "Dakota Maid" products nationwide and exports flour to customers throughout the Caribbean Islands and the Pacific Rim, and emphasizes plant and food safety, product quality, and customer service; and

WHEREAS, the employees organized a local union under the American Federation of Grain Millers in the late 1940s, which merged and became the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Local 167G in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the State Mill and Elevator remains a national leader in safety and efficiency of operations thanks to regular training and a commitment to quality of service by workers and management alike; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2018, the State Mill and Elevator reported a direct economic impact to the region of \$255 million and a secondary economic impact of \$592 million; and

WHEREAS, for more than 80 years the State Mill and Elevator has turned regular profits and contributed surplus funds to the general fund to benefit the lives of all North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, the State Mill and Elevator is a North Dakota fixture that makes a strong contribution to the economy of our state; and

WHEREAS, we honor the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association for its 100 years of service and thank the State Mill and Elevator's current and past hardworking employees for their ongoing dedication to achieving continuous improvement and their commitment to fulfilling the State Mill and Elevator's mission;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly recognizes and congratulates the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association on its 100th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to members of the North Dakota Industrial Commission, manager of the State Mill, President of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union, and members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed March 15, 2019

CHAPTER 570

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3058

(Representatives M. Ruby, Bellew, Fisher, Hoverson, Louser, Paulson, D. Ruby,
Schobinger)

(Senators Burckhard, Hogue, Krebsbach, O. Larsen)

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution to commend and congratulate North Dakota's Alpha Company, 164th Engineer Combat Battalion, for being awarded the Army Valorous Unit Citation and to recognize and honor the unit and their family members for their heroic and selfless service, sacrifice, dedication, and contributions to North Dakota and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, Alpha Company, 164th Engineer Combat Battalion, was mobilized and ordered to active duty on August 5, 2005; and after two months of training at Fort Riley in Kansas, the unit moved to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin in California to complete its mobilization validation process, including counter-improvised explosive device training, route clearance, and training and operation in mock Iraqi villages; and

WHEREAS, the unit ultimately deployed to Iraq to assume the unit's mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was the first unit to deploy directly to Operation Iraqi Freedom from the National Training Center; and

WHEREAS, the unit's primary mission was to conduct route clearance patrols on the main supply route, patrolling over 86,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, between December 1, 2005, to October 31, 2006, the unit engaged in 479 enemy incidents resulting in 446 improvised explosive devices of which 320 were found and cleared and 117 were detonated; and

WHEREAS, the unit spent 358 days on foreign soil and 437 days away from families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the unit awarded the Combat Action Badge to over 90 percent of the company, and members of the unit were presented 10 Bronze Star Medals for heroic achievements or services, 10 Purple Heart Medals, and numerous Army Commendation Medals; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the exemplary service, the United States Army awarded the Army Valorous Unit Citation to the unit for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Army Valorous Unit Citation is the second highest unit award of the United States Army and is considered the unit equivalent of a Silver Star Medal; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2006, Specialist Michael Hermanson made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his country when a rocket propelled grenade was fired in Al Abayachi, Iraq during combat operations; and

WHEREAS, the unit became tight knit friends who ultimately became family through shared experiences and service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, the unit was welcomed back into North Dakota on November 10, 2006;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly commends and congratulates North Dakota's Alpha Company, 164th Engineer Combat Battalion, for being awarded the Army Valorous Unit Citation and recognizes and honors the unit and their family members for their heroic and selfless service, sacrifice, dedication, and contributions to North Dakota and the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of Alpha Company, 164th Engineer Combat Battalion, or their next of kin and to the Adjutant General.

Filed April 8, 2019

CHAPTER 571

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3059

(Representatives Eidson, Dockter, Grueneich, Kasper, Keiser, Laning, Owens, Pyle,
M. Ruby)

(Senators Bekkedahl, G. Lee, Marcellais)

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to pass, and President Donald Trump to sign, House Resolution 1911, also known as the SFC Brian Woods Gold Star and Military Survivors Act.

WHEREAS, Army Sergeant 1st Class William Brian Woods, Jr. (SFC Brian Woods), a decorated special forces medical sergeant, made the ultimate sacrifice for his country and died of wounds sustained while on patrol in Afghanistan in 2009. He was survived by a wife and two young children; and

WHEREAS, service members and their families endure hardships and make sacrifices unique to the military in the service of honor, duty, freedom, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, one way we, as a grateful nation, honor those hardships and sacrifices is by promising we will provide financially for spouses and children of service members who die in the line of duty. In the words of Representative Seth Moulton of Delaware, "[w]hen Gold Star spouses are handed a folded flag, it comes with a sacred commitment from the American people. That commitment is for life That means Gold Star families should have the peace of mind that comes with knowing child care and funeral expenses are taken care of and that they will receive the nation's lifelong financial support"; and

WHEREAS, under current law, widows and widowers of service members who die in the line of duty lose their annuities and other survivor benefits upon remarriage; and

WHEREAS, the SFC Brian Woods Gold Star and Military Survivors Act would require the United States Department of Defense to pay the costs of transporting the remains of a service member killed in combat to the service member's hometown for a memorial and to a national cemetery of the Gold Star family's choice, and allow remarried Gold Star widows and widowers to continue to receive annuities and child care service assistance and, if they have dependent children, continue to access facilities on military bases; and

WHEREAS, it is consistent with North Dakotans' strong support for service members to uphold the nation's promise to care for Gold Star spouses throughout their lifetimes, as provided by the SFC Brian Woods Gold Star and Military Survivors Act;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to pass the SFC Brian Woods Gold Star and Military Survivors Act and urges President Donald Trump to sign the SFC Brian Woods Gold Star Military Survivors Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and President Donald Trump.

Filed April 17, 2019