

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3034
(Representatives Monson, Boe, Schmidt)
(Senators Hogue, Sorvaag)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to fully fund the biota water treatment plant for the northwest area water supply.

WHEREAS, the Congress passed, and the President of the United States signed, into law the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program as part of the Flood Control Act of 1944; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota was promised flood control, 1.2 million acres of irrigation, power, water supply, recreation, fish and wildlife benefits, improved water quality, along with other benefits; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota gave up hundreds of thousands of prime river bottom acreage to receive these benefits, for which North Dakota only received an authorization of 75,480 acres of irrigation and no water supply to date; and

WHEREAS, the United States entered the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 with the nation of Canada, and the treaty states it is further agreed the waters flowing across the boundary shall not be polluted on either side to the injury of health or property on the other; and

WHEREAS, Congress acknowledged the significant loss to North Dakota and passed the Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000, which includes the municipal, rural, and industrial water supply program to compensate North Dakota for the broken promises; and

WHEREAS, the United States determined northwest area water supply requires a biota treatment plant to meet the conditions of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, and construction of the northwest area water supply biota water treatment plant is a federal responsibility for which Congress has not appropriated any funds; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is using funds from the municipal, rural, and industrial water supply program to construct the northwest area water supply biota water treatment plant, causing North Dakota to use federal money received for the losses incurred to be used for a federal responsibility, further injuring North Dakota.

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

That the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the President of the United States to fully fund the northwest area water supply biota water treatment plant; 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 Congress, in addition to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation by certified mail.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate