

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011
(Representative Sveen)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study state agency office space needs to determine the feasibility and desirability of transferring state agencies or state employees to rural areas.

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota rents office space in Bismarck for several of its agencies and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the state should periodically evaluate office space needs and the cost of renting office space; and

WHEREAS, technological advances allow employees to conduct their work from offices outside the capitol building, including offices in rural areas where building rents may be less expensive; and

WHEREAS, by transferring state offices to rural areas where there exists an available work force and a lower cost of living, the state could revitalize the economies and tax bases of rural communities while bringing government closer to the people; and

WHEREAS, by transferring state offices to rural areas on an incremental basis, the state could lessen any negative impact on state employees working in Bismarck;

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

That the Legislative Council study state agency office space needs to determine the feasibility and desirability of transferring state agencies or state employees to rural areas; 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 Fifty-seventh 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 _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State