

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to remove the cap on marketing loans and reform crop
2 insurance so that farmers experiencing multiyear disasters could have access to adequate
3 coverage.

4 **WHEREAS**, farm families and rural communities are suffering an economic downturn
5 similar to the farm crisis of the 1980s; and

6 **WHEREAS**, farmers in this state have had to contend with prolonged periods of
7 disastrous weather and crop disease; and

8 **WHEREAS**, farmers in this state are experiencing declining crop insurance coverage,
9 thereby further reducing their ability to mitigate against disasters; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the 1996 farm bill replaced the previous system of farm income protection
11 with a set of fixed, but declining, payments unrelated to commodity prices and capped
12 commodity marketing loan rates; and

13 **WHEREAS**, removing the cap on the marketing loans and extending the loan terms
14 would provide a way to channel much-needed financial resources to farmers, would protect
15 farm prices without distorting the market, and would provide farmers with market flexibility;

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

18 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
19 remove the cap on marketing loans and reform crop insurance so that farmers experiencing
20 multiyear disasters could have access to adequate coverage; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
22 resolution to the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the chairman of the House
23 Agriculture Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.