

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4021
(Senators Krauter, Bercier, Kelsh, Kinnoin, T. Mathern)
(Representative Fairfield)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and address tariff equalization, increased market access, sanitary and phytosanitary disputes, and methods to facilitate and shorten dispute resolution procedures.

WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement created the world's largest free trade zone with 360 million consumers; and

WHEREAS, when the North American Free Trade Agreement was to be enacted, our farmers and ranchers were promised a new golden age of expanding trade opportunities, vast new markets for their products and capital and investment in their communities, protection from any potentially adverse effects that might be generated by the North American Free Trade Agreement through safeguard tariff provisions, and provisional relief from dumping actions through adjudication from the International Trade Commission; and

WHEREAS, safeguard tariff provisions have not stopped the flood of Canadian and Mexican agricultural products into the United States markets, and the International Trade Commission has failed to conduct the monitoring of trade conditions as it had been directed to do by the North American Free Trade Agreement;

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

That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and address tariff equalization, increased market access, sanitary and phytosanitary disputes, methods to facilitate and shorten dispute resolution procedures; and

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State