

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3004

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Taxation Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress not to implement or allow implementation of the Kyoto
2 Protocol because of the potentially disastrous impact on American agriculture.

3 **WHEREAS**, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol treaty on global warming called for reduction in
4 emissions of carbon dioxide and certain other gases to at least seven percent below 1990
5 levels and application of carbon permit fees to fuel users in industrial countries; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on United States farmers would be
7 devastating because of forced reliance on fuels and aggravation of the farm crisis from fuel cost
8 increases that would come with implementation of the Kyoto Protocol; and

9 **WHEREAS**, federal policy should foster expansion and diversification of and investment
10 in the United States agricultural economy, and these objectives would be impeded by fuel cost
11 increases for United States farmers; and

12 **WHEREAS**, it should be possible to develop environmentally responsible policy to
13 reduce greenhouse gas emissions without destroying the livelihood of those who make the
14 United States the greatest food-producing nation in the world;

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

17 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States not
18 to implement or allow implementation of the Kyoto Protocol because of the potentially
19 disastrous impact on American agriculture; and

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