

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031  
(Representatives Carlson, Grande, Koppelman, Wald)

A concurrent resolution making application to Congress to submit to the states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the United States Supreme Court and any federal court from ordering a state or political subdivision to levy or increase taxes.

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States reserves to the states a broad range of powers and the power of the federal government is strictly limited with regard to powers reserved to the states; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Constitution of the United States, the states are given full authority over state and local government tax policy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the judiciary to interpret the law, not to create law; and

**WHEREAS**, our present federal government has strayed from the intent of our founding fathers and the Constitution of the United States through inappropriate federal mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, federal district courts, with the acquiescence of the United States Supreme Court, continue to order states to levy or increase taxes to comply with federal mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, these court actions violate the Constitution of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the time has come for the people of this great nation and their duly elected representatives in state government to reaffirm, in no uncertain terms, that the authority to tax under the Constitution of the United States is retained by the people who, by their consent alone, do delegate such power to tax explicitly to those duly elected representatives in the legislative branch of government whom they choose, such representatives being directly responsible and accountable to those who have elected them;

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

1. That the United States Congress prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to add a new article providing as follows:

"Neither the Supreme Court nor any inferior court of the United States shall have the power to instruct or order a state or political subdivision thereof, or an official of such a state or political subdivision, to levy or increase taxes."
2. That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States.
3. That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly also proposes that the legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States that have not yet made a similar request apply to the United States Congress requesting enactment of an appropriate amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and apply to the United States Congress to propose such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
4. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the presiding officer in each house of the legislature in each of the states in the Union, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State