

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3042

Introduced by

Representatives Lemieux, Brandenburg, D. Johnson

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to ensure the economic viability and competitiveness
2 of American farmers by adopting legislation that would grant states the authority to issue state
3 registrations to parties who wish to import Canadian crop protection products that are identical
4 or substantially similar to products registered with the Environmental Protection Agency for use
5 in the United States.

6 **WHEREAS**, agriculture plays an important role in the economic viability and culture of
7 the state of North Dakota; and

8 **WHEREAS**, crop protection products are used to produce high-quality and safe
9 commodities marketed nationally and internationally; and

10 **WHEREAS**, farmers in this state use crop protection products in a safe and responsible
11 manner; and

12 **WHEREAS**, farmers need access to comparably priced crop protection products as
13 those available to Canadian producers to be competitive and economically viable; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the crop protection product industry uses the United States and Canadian
15 border to segment markets and charge substantially different prices for crop protection
16 products; and

17 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota farmers are prohibited by federal law and regulations to
18 import and use Canadian crop protection products without the consent of the product registrant;

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

21 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
22 adopt legislation granting states the authority to issue state registrations to parties who wish to
23 import Canadian crop protection products that are identical or substantially similar to products
24 registered with the Environmental Protection Agency for use in the United States; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
2 resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
3 Agency, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, and to each member
4 of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.