

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3072

Introduced by

Representatives Boucher, Brekke, Nicholas

Senator Traynor

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to raise the rail
2 elevation near Devils Lake to keep freight and passenger routes open in response to flooding.

3 **WHEREAS**, the rising water level of Devils Lake threatens to interrupt freight and
4 passenger traffic by inundating Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway's roadbed at locations
5 between Devils Lake and Leeds in the vicinity of Churchs Ferry; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a branch line from Churchs Ferry to Rolla will be isolated if the water level
7 of Devils Lake substantially rises; and

8 **WHEREAS**, as of March 30, 2001, the National Weather Service projects a 20 percent
9 chance of the lake level rising to 1,449 feet before September 25, 2001, and any higher level
10 would inundate the track; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the track may be raised three feet for an estimated cost of \$2,000,000; and

12 **WHEREAS**, it is vital to the economy of the state that rail service be maintained;

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

15 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Burlington Northern Santa Fe
16 Railway raise the rail elevation near Devils Lake to keep freight and passenger routes open in
17 response to flooding; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
19 resolution to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and to each member of the North
20 Dakota Congressional Delegation.