

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009
(Senator Wardner)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study school district and library funding sources to determine if a method can be found to provide an incentive to reduce school district and library property tax levies.

WHEREAS, property taxes levied by school districts and libraries constitute a majority of all property taxes levied in the state; and

WHEREAS, school districts and libraries that reduce property tax levies receive a reduction in foundation aid allocations and reduced property tax levy authority in future years under current law; and

WHEREAS, school district and library funding sources should be examined to determine whether there are methods available to encourage reduction of property tax levies by school districts and libraries; and

WHEREAS, foundation aid allocations may encourage school districts and libraries to determine the maximum property tax levy that may be imposed and build a budget around that amount to avoid loss of state funding;

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

That the Legislative Council study school district and library funding sources to determine if a method can be found which would provide an incentive to reduce school district property tax levies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State