

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033
(Representatives Damschen, DeKrey, Uglen)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to remove wetland mitigation requirements from highway construction projects.

WHEREAS, North Dakota is undergoing highway construction projects throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the cost of highway construction projects could be reduced by reviewing various factors, including wetlands mitigation; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's interest in preserving wetlands should be addressed on a state rather than federal level; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota manages the state's natural resources in highway construction projects based on balancing the competing public interests of wetlands preservation and local, state, and national transportation needs;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to remove wetlands mitigation requirements from highway construction projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Federal Highway Administration, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State