

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026

Introduced by

Representatives Onstad, Delzer, Drovdal

Senators Heitkamp, Lyson

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to maintain the level
2 of Lake Sakakawea at a minimum elevation of 1,825 feet mean sea level.

3 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the Three
4 Affiliated Tribes have a right to utilize the water of the Missouri River; and

5 **WHEREAS**, downstream states in the Missouri River Basin have recognized all of the
6 benefits of the Pick-Sloan Plan and these states owe a debt to North Dakota for allowing the
7 construction of Missouri River dams in the upper basin; and

8 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has not recognized its share of benefits promised in the
9 Pick-Sloan Plan; and

10 **WHEREAS**, tourism, recreation, and the well-being of the citizens and communities in
11 North Dakota depend upon an adequate and dependable source of water; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the future development of industry and businesses in North Dakota also
13 depends upon an adequate and dependable source of water; and

14 **WHEREAS**, irrigation development in North Dakota depends upon an adequate and
15 dependable source of water; and

16 **WHEREAS**, wildlife, including several endangered species, is being threatened by the
17 low level of Lake Sakakawea;

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

20 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of
21 Engineers to maintain the level of Lake Sakakawea at a minimum elevation of 1,825 feet mean
22 sea level; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
24 resolution to the Division Commander of the Northwestern Division of the United States Army
25 Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Interior; the District

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly

- 1 Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; each member
- 2 of the State Water Commission; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional
- 3 Delegation.