

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026
(Representatives Onstad, Delzer, Drovdal)
(Senators Heitkamp, Lyson)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 United States Army Corps of Engineers to maintain the level of Lake Sakakawea at a minimum elevation of 1,825 feet mean sea level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Division Commander of the Northwestern Division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Interior; the District Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; each member of the State Water Commission; and 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