

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3027

Introduced by

Representatives S. Meyer, Haas, Kerzman, Onstad

Senators Krauter, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to retain sufficient
2 water in Lake Sakakawea to ensure a stable water supply for all water users, including
3 municipal, rural, irrigation, and industrial, complimenting the Governor and the Attorney General
4 on their efforts, and urging them to continue their actions to ensure federal officials retain
5 sufficient water in Lake Sakakawea to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of
6 western North Dakota.

7 **WHEREAS**, the Pick-Sloan Project, as authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1944, as
8 amended, provides major flood control benefits, recreational benefits, water supply benefits,
9 hydropower benefits, and navigational benefits for the downstream states of Iowa, Nebraska,
10 Missouri, and Kansas through construction of large reservoirs in states lying upstream from
11 these states; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Pick-Sloan Project reservoirs have been in place for many years, thus
13 providing downstream states in the Missouri River Basin all the benefits promised in the
14 Pick-Sloan Project; and

15 **WHEREAS**, construction of facilities under the Pick-Sloan Project has, to date, resulted
16 in billions of dollars in flood protection to downstream interests and has allowed these
17 downstream interests to develop the original flood plain of the Missouri River for industrial,
18 municipal, and agricultural uses; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has directed the United States Army
20 Corps of Engineers to build, operate, and maintain all the features of the Pick-Sloan Project;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, due to unprecedented drought in the upper Missouri River Basin, the upper
23 basin reservoirs, including Lake Sakakawea, are at historically low levels; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the low level of Lake Sakakawea poses a threat to several communities
25 and other users;

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

3 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of
4 Engineers to retain sufficient water in Lake Sakakawea to ensure a stable water supply for all
5 water users, including municipal, rural, irrigation, and industrial, compliments the Governor and
6 the Attorney General on their efforts, and urges them to continue their actions to ensure federal
7 officials retain sufficient water in Lake Sakakawea to protect the health and well-being of the
8 citizens of western North Dakota; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
10 resolution to the Governor; the Attorney General; the District Engineer, Omaha District, United
11 States Army Corps of Engineer; the Division Commander of the Northwestern Division of the
12 United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the
13 Interior; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.