

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3061
(Representatives Onstad, Boe, D. Johnson, Mueller, Vig)
(Senator Taylor)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the financial and environmental impact of confined animal feeding operations on individual property owners and local communities and develop clear, concise, and consistent laws governing the siting and regulation of confined animal feeding operations.

WHEREAS, confined animal feeding operations in this state account for approximately 25 percent of all agricultural income; and

WHEREAS, byproducts from the expansion of ethanol and biodiesel industries will provide opportunities for increases in confined animal feeding operations; and

WHEREAS, the siting of confined animal feeding operations is currently governed by various state agencies, boards of county commissioners, and boards of township supervisors; and

WHEREAS, conflicts and inconsistencies exist between the laws and regulations of the various governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the growth and development of confined animal feeding operations need to be balanced against the financial and environmental impacts that such operations can have on individual landowners and local communities;

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

That the Legislative Council study the financial and environmental impact of confined animal feeding operations on individual property owners and local communities and develop clear, concise, and consistent laws governing the siting and regulation of confined animal feeding operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state health officer and the commissioner of agriculture jointly convene a task force composed of state agency representatives, local government officials, organizations, and groups involved in the development of confined animal feeding operations to assist the Legislative Council in data gathering, analysis, and the formulation of recommendations; 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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State