

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1338

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Froseth, Heller, Kasper, Kreidt, Kretschmar, Rohr, Schmidt,
Onstad

Senators Schaible, Unruh, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the return of certain property managed by the United States
2 army corps of engineers to the state of North Dakota.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 **Return of land to state.**

6 The governor shall negotiate with representatives of the United States army corps of
7 engineers for the return of excess lands outside the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian
8 Reservation around Lake Sakakawea above elevation 1,854 feet [565.01 meters] mean sea
9 level and excess lands outside the boundaries of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation around
10 Lake Oahe above 1,620 feet [493.86 meters] mean sea level to the state of North Dakota. Any
11 agreement for the return of lands described under this section must include provisions for the
12 protection of native cultural and religious sites, artifacts, and human remains. The governor may
13 support tribal efforts in negotiating with the United States army corps of engineers. The
14 governor shall report on the status of negotiations to the budget section of the legislative
15 management by December 31, 2014.