Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with Senate Amendments ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT

Introduced by

RESOLUTION NO. 3010

Representatives Steiner, Delzer, Froseth, Hatlestad, Heller, Kreidt, Laning, Rohr, Schmidt, Onstad

Senators Lyson, Unruh

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to 2 ensure that access to Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe for agriculture, commerce, energy and 3 water development, and recreation is not inhibited by unreasonable regulations and to address 4 proper funding for all project purposes and weed control on Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe. 5 WHEREAS, North Dakota has sacrificed hundreds of thousands of acres of production farm 6 and ranch land for the development of the Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe project areas; and 7 WHEREAS, Congress and the United States Army Corps of Engineers have legal and 8 historical obligations to the state of North Dakota under the Flood Control Act of 1944 [Pub. L. 9 78-534; 58 Stat. 887; 16 U.S.C. 460d et seq.; 33 U.S.C. 701 et seq.] to ensure proper funding is 10 provided for all project purposes, and public access to the project areas of Lake Sakakawea 11 and Lake Oahe; and 12 WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has a federal legal obligation to 13 adequately budget noxious weed control on all project lands pursuant to the Carlson-Foley Act 14 of 1968 [Pub. L. 90-583; 82 Stat. 1146; 43 U.S.C. 1241 et seq.] and the Federal Noxious Weed 15 Act of 1974 [Pub. L. 93-629; 88 Stat. 2148; 7 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.], and adequate funding to 16 fulfill these duties has not been budgeted for by the United States Army Corps of Engineers nor 17 provided by Congress; and 18 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly requests that the United States Army 19 Corps of Engineers include as agenda items the topics of lake, dock, and shoreline access as 20 well as weed control in a public hearing held in North Dakota in 2013 to discuss lake 21 management issues;

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

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- 2 Corps of Engineers to ensure that access to Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe for agriculture,
- 3 commerce, energy and water development, and recreation is not inhibited by unreasonable
- 4 regulations and to address proper funding for all project purposes and weed control on Lake
- 5 Sakakawea and Lake Oahe; and
- 6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution

7 to the commanding general of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and each member of

8 the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.