

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Froelich, Kerzman, Kretschmar

Senators Erbele, Krauter

1 A BILL for an Act to provide legislative findings and a declaration concerning lands around Lake
2 Oahe managed by the army corps of engineers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF INTENT.** The
5 legislative assembly finds and declares that:

- 6 1. The economy and well-being of the residents of North Dakota are dependent upon
7 agriculture.
- 8 2. The United States, through the army corps of engineers, has acquired certain
9 lands around Lake Oahe.
- 10 3. The army corps of engineers has failed to control weeds and manage this land
11 properly.
- 12 4. The failure to control weeds on land managed by the army corps of engineers is a
13 public nuisance and jeopardizes the public health, safety, and general welfare of
14 the citizens of North Dakota.

15 **SECTION 2. CONGRESS URGED TO TRANSFER CERTAIN LANDS - DUTIES OF**
16 **SECRETARY OF STATE.** The legislative assembly urges the Congress of the United States
17 to enact legislation to transfer lands around Lake Oahe, excluding lands adjoining the Standing
18 Rock Reservation, owned by the United States, through the army corps of engineers, to the
19 state of North Dakota. The secretary of state shall forward copies of this Act to each member
20 of the North Dakota congressional delegation.