

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019

Introduced by

Representatives Jones, Brandenburg, Kasper, Maragos, Monson, Steiner, Zubke

Senators Bowman, Kannianen, Rust

1 A concurrent resolution directing the United States Department of the Interior to exercise
2 nondiscrimination in public land management and return the land no longer required for the
3 Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Project dam at Lake Sakakawea to the citizens of the United States.

4 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of the Interior maintains control of land no longer
5 needed to further the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Project dams; and

6 **WHEREAS**, fairness dictates the United States Department of the Interior develop a
7 process to return the excess lands to the citizens of the United States without discrimination or
8 the appearance of discrimination; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the prior owners of the land should be the first who are eligible to acquire the
10 unused land; and

11 **WHEREAS**, if a prior landowner no longer has interest in owning the land, the United States
12 Department of the Interior should make the land available for purchase which may allow the
13 federal government to make other necessary land acquisitions;

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

16 That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Department of the Interior
17 to exercise nondiscrimination in public land management and return the land no longer required
18 for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Project dam at Lake Sakakawea to the citizens of the United
19 States; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
21 to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and to each member of the
22 North Dakota Congressional Delegation.