

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3011**

Introduced by

Representatives Damschen, Bellew, Carlson, Monson, Roers Jones, Weisz

Senators Erbele, D. Larson, Luick, Myrdal, Schaible, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution extending appreciation to the President of the United States for
2 expediting the approval of the easement required for the completion of the Dakota Access
3 Pipeline, and requesting the federal government reimburse the state of North Dakota for all
4 expenses incurred as a result of the Dakota Access Pipeline protests and permitting delays.

5 **WHEREAS**, the granting of the easement to complete the Dakota Access Pipeline has
6 eased costs associated with pipeline protests; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the costs associated with the protests have resulted in over \$28 million in loans
8 to the Adjutant General; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the 1,172-mile Dakota Access Pipeline is projected to transport 470,000
10 barrels of oil per day, which is equivalent to more than 658 rail cars or 2,350 semi-truck loads
11 per day; and

12 **WHEREAS**, transportation of oil by pipeline is a safer method of transportation than by rail
13 or semi-truck; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the vast majority of the pipeline is situated on privately held lands with only
15 3 percent of the pipeline route requiring federal approval and only 1 percent of the pipeline route
16 impacting United States waterways; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline is constructed with extra-thick steel and double walls to prevent
18 corrosion and mitigate any possible leaks; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline is equipped with shut-off valves on both sides of the river and will
20 be monitored at all times by operations maintenance staff; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline runs along the same route as existing infrastructure, including the
22 Northern Border Gas Pipeline and an overhead utility line; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the the pipeline crosses various other rivers and streams, including the
24 Missouri River 14 miles upstream of the water intake for Williston, North Dakota, the Big Sioux

1 River near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Des Moines River in Iowa, and the Mississippi River;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, all rules and regulatory processes for permitting the pipeline were followed;

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

6 That the Sixty-fifty Legislative Assembly extends appreciation to the President of the United
7 States for expediting the approval of the easement required for the completion of the Dakota
8 Access Pipeline, and requests the federal government reimburse the state of North Dakota for
9 all expenses incurred as a result of the Dakota Access Pipeline protests and permitting delays;
10 and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
12 to the President of the United States, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Assistant
13 Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, each member of the North Dakota Congressional
14 Delegation, and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of
15 Representatives and the United States Senate.