

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3021

(Representatives Schatz, Dockter, Heinert, B. Koppelman, Pollert, Rohr, M. Ruby, Schmidt, Skroch)
(Senators Elkin, D. Larsen, O. Larsen)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the factors contributing to the nation's firearm and ammunition shortage and the impact the shortage has had on the quality of life for North Dakota citizens.

WHEREAS, the firearm and ammunition inventory of wholesalers and distributors, which is at a historic low, is not due to a shortage in materials; and

WHEREAS, while firearm and ammunition retailers, wholesalers, and distributors had piles of inventory in January 2020, by December 2020, the same racks and shelves were empty; and

WHEREAS, with an election year that has had significant consequences for gun rights, a global pandemic event, rioting in cities and urban centers throughout the United States, there is an unprecedented demand for self-defense tools; and

WHEREAS, the firearm and ammunition shortage directly impacts the personal protection capabilities and safety of North Dakota citizens and the ability of law enforcement and military personnel to perform their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is one of the gun-friendliest states in the nation, a state in which gun rights and hunting are sacred so the firearm and ammunition shortage negatively impacts hunting and predator control within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly should work to ensure the supply and price of firearms and ammunition remains stable in North Dakota;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the factors contributing to the nation's current firearm and ammunition shortage and the impact the shortage has had on the quality of life for North Dakota citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management develop a plan of action to resolve the state's current firearm and ammunition shortage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2021,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State