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Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1456**

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Kretschmar, Rohr, Schmidt

Senators Erbele, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 54-01-29.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the encouragement of federal legislation to return lands and mineral rights to the  
3 state.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 54-01-29.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
6 as follows:

7 **54-01-29.1. Federal legislation encouraged to return lands and mineral rights to the**  
8 **state of North Dakota.**

9 Uplands of the Oahe Reservoir in Emmons and Morton Counties in North Dakota above the  
10 elevation of 1,620 feet [493.78 meters] are defined as excess lands to the operation of the  
11 Oahe Dam. The North Dakota legislative assembly encourages Congress to pass federal  
12 legislation to return those lands and mineral rights to the state of North Dakota and the North  
13 Dakota legislative assembly encourages the governor of North Dakota to work with the North  
14 Dakota congressional delegation and Congress to secure enactment of necessary federal  
15 legislation.