

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1012

Introduced by: Representatives Hunhoff (Bernie), Blake, Dennert, Engels, Faehn, Gosch, Iron Cloud III, Kirschman, Krebs, Lange, Lucas, Noem, Solum, Sorenson, Street, Tidemann, and Van Gerpen and Senators Heidepriem, Abdallah, Ahlers, Bartling, Bradford, Dempster, Gray, Hunhoff (Jean), Jerstad, Kloucek, and Merchant

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Directing the South Dakota State Investment Council to  
2 apply its Social Activism Policy to address the ongoing genocide and other atrocities being  
3 committed in Sudan.

4 WHEREAS, the federal government has imposed sanctions against the government of Sudan  
5 since 1997; and

6 WHEREAS, on July 23, 2004, and again on September 25, 2006, the United States Congress  
7 declared and reaffirmed that "the atrocities unfolding in Darfur, Sudan, are genocide"; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States Congress noted that the genocide in Darfur has lead to the  
9 "systematic rape of thousands of women and girls, the abduction of women and children, and  
10 the destruction of hundreds of ethnically African villages, including the poisoning of their wells  
11 and the plunder of their crops and cattle upon which the people of such villages sustain  
12 themselves"; and

13 WHEREAS, over 500,000 people have died and more than 2.5 million people have been



1 displaced from their homes by the Sudanese regime since 2003; and

2 WHEREAS, the Darfur crisis represents the first time the United States government has  
3 labeled the actions of another country as genocide; and

4 WHEREAS, since 1993 the United States Secretary of State has determined that the  
5 government of Sudan has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism:

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
7 fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
8 Dakota Legislature directs the State Investment Council to fight the atrocities in Sudan by  
9 activating its Social Activism Policy which provides a means of engagement and potential  
10 divestment from companies identified by the United States Congress as supporters of the  
11 Sudanese government.