

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1007

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requiring the use of sound science in evaluating crop protection chemistries and nutrients.

WHEREAS, a sustainable agricultural system in the United States is critical to the continued production of food and fiber to meet both domestic and global demands; and

WHEREAS, the treatment, prevention, and control of agricultural pests is critically important to the health and welfare of our residents and the safety of our global food supply; and

WHEREAS, the availability of modern technologies such as precision farming equipment, crop protection chemistries, and agricultural nutrients are critically important tools that allow farmers to expand yields, reduce environmental impacts, improve profitability, and provide a safe, healthy, abundant, and affordable food supply; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture and food production industries have a long history of success and safety in protecting and further enhancing the food supply; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry is recognized as an important contributor to the economic vitality of the State of South Dakota through jobs, capital investment, farm income, value added sectors, and contributions to the state's tax base; and

WHEREAS, the crop protection industry is among the most studied and regulated of all industries at both the state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the continued success of these industries and our nation's position as a world leader in crop protection chemistries and nutrients depends on state and federal regulators utilizing science based data to assess both product and ingredient safety; and

WHEREAS, sound science rather than the precautionary principle should be the bedrock of our nation's regulatory scheme:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature supports the use of science based data to assess the impacts and the regulation of crop protection chemistries and nutrients; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature opposes legislative or regulatory action,

whether at the federal or state level, that may result in unnecessary restrictions, on the use of crop protection chemistries and nutrients, that are not based on sound science; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to each member of the South Dakota congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 24, 2016
February 29, 2016

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Speaker of the House

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