

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1012

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the South Dakota congressional delegation to introduce legislation to compensate private landowners for fire damage caused by the United States Forest Service.

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2013, the United States Forest Service lost control of the pautre fire in Perkins County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, private property valued at millions of dollars was destroyed; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2015, the United States Park Service lost control of the cold brook fire in Wind Cave National Park, which burned 5,420 acres more than the planned 1,000 acres, and threatened private property adjacent to the park; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has denied any liability for the private property damaged by these fires:

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 respectfully requests that South Dakota's congressional delegation introduce legislation to compensate the private landowners that have endured property and monetary damages as a result of the pautre and cold brook escaped fires.

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

February 10, 2016
February 16, 2016

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