

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1006

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Congress of the United States to pass legislation providing election campaign finance reform.

WHEREAS, the expenditures for election campaigns for Congress have been rising each election year; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota just experienced an election campaign for the position of United States Senator where the candidates spent eight million dollars on campaign expenses and bombarded our citizens with campaign advertisements for a year prior to the election; and

WHEREAS, despite the huge cost of this election in South Dakota, it is a mere drop in the bucket when compared to similar elections in more heavily populated states; and

WHEREAS, the increasing cost of Congressional elections has led to a never-ending solicitation by candidates for contributions from businesses, political action committees, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, these high campaign expenditures and the corresponding need for campaign contributions has given the voters of the State of South Dakota and the nation the perception that campaign contributions buy influence in Congress; and

WHEREAS, these expenditures and contributions tarnish the image of representative government and fuel voter apathy; and

WHEREAS, the Congress must pass meaningful election finance campaign reform to help restore voter confidence in our federal election process:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Congress of the United States pass election campaign finance reform which would call for campaign expenditure limits on each candidate for the United States House of Representatives and on each candidate for the United States Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States should also provide in such legislation for campaign limits on in-kind contributions for each candidate for the United States House of Representatives and for each candidate for the United States Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and each Member of the South Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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

February 12, 1997
February 24, 1997

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Speaker of the House

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