

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Lucas, Apa, Barker, Brosz, Cerny, Chicoine, Collier, Crisp, Davis, DeMersseman, Fischer-Clemens, Gleason, Hagen, Haley, Kazmerzak, Koetzle, Kooistra, Lee, Lockner, Moore, Napoli, Schaunaman, Schrempp, Sperry, Van Gerpen, Volesky, Waltman, and Wick and Senators Lange, Dennert, Drake, Flowers, Hunhoff, Hutmacher, Kloucek, Lawler, Reedy, Thompson, and Valandra

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
9 Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the  
10 Congress of the United States pass election campaign finance reform which would call for  
11 voluntary campaign expenditure limits of not more than one million dollars on each candidate  
12 for the United States House of Representatives and of not more than one million five hundred  
13 thousand dollars on each candidate for the United States Senate; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States should also provide  
15 in such legislation for voluntary campaign limits on in-kind contributions of not more than four  
16 hundred thousand dollars for each candidate for the United States House of Representatives and  
17 of not more than six hundred thousand dollars for each candidate for the United States Senate;  
18 and

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