

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the South Dakota Congressional Delegation to support implementing comprehensive tobacco control measures to protect children from tobacco and allocating to South Dakota its entire share of any reimbursement for any medical and other costs deriving from tobacco-related disease that may be included in such legislation.

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1997, the major tobacco companies and the attorney generals from most states reached a proposed settlement of claims of the states against the tobacco companies for reimbursement of health care costs; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive national legislation that addresses the issue of advertising, promotion, and use of tobacco products with particular emphasis on promotion, sale, and use of tobacco by minors is critical to achieving significant reductions in the rate of youth tobacco usage in South Dakota and across the country; and

WHEREAS, national legislation should incorporate broad and comprehensive regulation of the tobacco industry and tobacco products together with extensive enforcement mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive national legislation could result in payments of at least \$368 billion, or more, with a potential share of \$445,000,000, or more, to the State of South Dakota, over a period of twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation is needed to protect children from tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the June 20th proposed settlement of state claims against the tobacco industry provides a catalyst for the development of comprehensive tobacco control legislation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Congressional Delegation be memorialized to support federal legislation implementing comprehensive measures to protect children from tobacco and allocating to South Dakota its entire share of any reimbursement for any medical and other costs deriving from tobacco-related disease that may be included in such legislation.

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

February 9, 1998
February 19, 1998

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