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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

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Introduced by: Senators Frederick, Hunhoff, and Rounds and Representatives Putnam, Gabriel,
and Haley

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the South Dakota Congressional Delegation
2 to support legislation approving the settlement of the state's claims against the tobacco
3 companies.

4 WHEREAS, on June 20, 1997, the major tobacco companies, the attorney generals from
5 most states, and representatives of several national public health organizations reached a
6 proposed settlement of claims of the states against the tobacco companies for reimbursement of
7 health care costs; and

8 WHEREAS, this proposed resolution addresses the issue of advertising, promotion, and use
9 of tobacco products with particular emphasis on promotion, sale and use of tobacco by our
10 youth; and

11 WHEREAS, this proposed resolution provides broad and comprehensive regulation of the
12 tobacco industry and tobacco products together with extensive enforcement mechanisms; and

13 WHEREAS, this proposed resolution requires the tobacco companies to pay to a total of
14 \$368.5 billion over twenty-five years; and

15 WHEREAS, the attorney generals have estimated South Dakota's share of these payments

1 to be \$445,050,000 over twenty-five years with an initial payment of over sixteen million upon
2 enactment; and

3 WHEREAS, federal legislation is needed to implement the terms of this proposed resolution:

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-third Legislature
5 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
6 Dakota Congressional Delegation be memorialized to support federal legislation implementing
7 a settlement of the dispute and allocating to South Dakota its entire share of the proceeds of the
8 settlement.