

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Defending South Dakota's right to all funds to be received through the 1998 tobacco settlement.

WHEREAS, on November 23, 1998, the Attorneys General and other representatives of forty-six states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the District of Columbia signed an agreement with the five largest tobacco manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, this agreement was designed to aid in the fight against teenage tobacco use and to educate the public as to the health hazards of tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota is projected to receive a total of \$683,650,008 through 2025 from the terms of this settlement; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments are in a far better position than is the federal government to fight teenage tobacco use and oversee public education regarding the hazards of tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the federal government may attempt to recoup a portion of federal health care payments by claiming tobacco settlement funds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the United States Congress and the President of the United States be memorialized to allow the State of South Dakota complete discretion over all funds received through the 1998 tobacco settlement, and not to entertain any claims by the federal government on these funds.

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

January 22, 1999  
February 19, 1999

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President of the Senate

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