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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ENGROSSED

NO. **SCR8** - 2/23/99

Introduced by: Senators Dennert, Benson, Bogue, Daugaard, Flowers, Hutmacher, Kloucek, Lange, Lawler, Reedy, Symens, and Valandra and Representatives Burg, Apa, Cutler, Duenwald, Hagen, Haley, Jaspers, Kazmerzak, Lucas, Nachtigal, Sutton (Daniel), Waltman, and Weber

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing opposition to the proposed merger between  
2 Cargill, Incorporated and Continental Grain Corporation.

3 WHEREAS, American livestock and grain producers currently face unprecedented  
4 challenges to their ability to earn their livelihood; and

5 WHEREAS, many of the problems that livestock producers face are the result of anti-  
6 competitive pricing and marketing practices; and

7 WHEREAS, it is extremely important that independent producers have confidence that there  
8 is real competition when they begin to make production and marketing decisions for their  
9 livestock; and

10 WHEREAS, a merger has been proposed between Cargill, Incorporated, an international  
11 farm and food processor, and Continental Grain Corporation, a worldwide grains company; and

12 WHEREAS, the proposed merger between Cargill and Continental continues the trend of  
13 small producers and family farmers being adversely affected by the operations of giant  
14 corporations and exacerbates problems caused by diminishing levels of competition in the  
15 agriculture:

1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth Legislature  
2 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South  
3 Dakota Legislature strongly urges the United States Congress, the United States Department of  
4 Justice, and the United States Department of Agriculture to investigate the proposed merger  
5 between Cargill, Incorporated, and Continental Grain Corporation for possible antitrust  
6 violations and other adverse impacts on the agricultural economy.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 2/11/99 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

3 2/11/99 Agriculture and Natural Resources Adopt Resolution, AYES 9, NAYS 0. S.J. 444

4 2/12/99 Senate Adopt Resolution, AYES 31, NAYS 1. S.J. 478

5 2/22/99 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

6 2/22/99 Concurred in resolution as amended, AYES 13, NAYS 0. H.J. 660