

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to schedule hearings to increase net farm income and improve living conditions in rural America.

WHEREAS, the unparalleled agricultural productivity of the American people should be an asset for our nation; and

WHEREAS, net cash income for 2000 is projected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to be \$49.7 billion, which is \$9.4 billion less than 1999; and

WHEREAS, the prices paid for farm commodities have been depressed for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, U.S. agricultural exports have declined \$10 billion from the record levels of 1996; and

WHEREAS, U.S. farmers and ranchers need profitable export and domestic markets:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the United States Congress and federal administration are urged to schedule hearings regarding the best methods of increasing net farm income. Topics should include expanded open and competitive markets, commodity deflation, risk management, federal government rules and regulations, and the farm bill.

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

February 1, 2000  
February 15, 2000

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