

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

Introduced by: Representatives Kloucek, Bartling, Begalka, Hanson (Gary), Nachtigal, Peterson (Jim), and Sigdestad and Senators Symens, Dennert, McIntyre, Sutton (Dan), and Volesky

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting Congress to prohibit certain genetically  
2 engineered seed.

3 WHEREAS, Terminator gene technology, the genetic engineering process that renders a  
4 seed incapable of naturally producing second generation seed, threatens the ability of nations to  
5 feed themselves as over 1.4 billion people depend on farm-saved seeds developed over hundreds  
6 of years to meet the climatic and soil variables for their particular country; and

7 WHEREAS, the publicly-funded United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), through  
8 contractual arrangements with private corporate entities, has helped develop and promote this  
9 dangerous technology that has no agronomic benefits and solely enhances seed industry profits;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the USDA's role in the commercialization of Terminator technology is a threat  
12 to our environment, biodiversity, and food security and is morally unacceptable; and

13 WHEREAS, this technology promotes global consolidation and control through the  
14 restricted ownership by a few giant seed and germ plasm companies thus endangering

1 independent farming operations and food security worldwide:

2       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
3 sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
4 Dakota Legislature urges the United States Congress to enact legislation prohibiting the sale,  
5 distribution, or use of nongerminating genetically engineered seed rendered incapable of  
6 producing second generation seed by terminator gene technology, and authorizing the Secretary  
7 of Agriculture to impose a civil penalty for violating the prohibition on the sale, distribution, or  
8 use of nongerminating genetically engineered seed.