

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2004

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

Introduced by: Representatives Lintz, Adelstein, Begalka, Buckingham, Christensen, Craddock, Cutler, Davis, Dykstra, Elliott, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Hackl, Hanson, Haverly, Heineman, Hennies, Hunhoff, Juhnke, Klaudt, Kraus, Lange, LaRue, McCoy, McLaughlin, Murschel, Nesselhuf, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Jim), Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Smidt, Solum, Teupel, Van Etten, Van Gerpen, Weems, Wick, and Williamson and Senators Duenwald, Abdallah, Albers, Apa, Bogue, Brown, Dennert, Diedrich (Larry), Duniphan, Duxbury, Earley, Greenfield, Ham-Burr, Jaspers, Kleven, Kloucek, Koskan, LaPointe, McCracken, Moore, Nachtigal, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Reedy, Schoenbeck, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), Symens, and Vitter

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the increased efforts for the control of prairie dogs.

2 WHEREAS, the prairie dog population in many parts of South Dakota is continuing to grow
3 at an alarming rate;

4 WHEREAS, prairie dogs are responsible for the destruction of tens of thousands of acres
5 of ranch and farm land making such acreages virtually valueless for agricultural pursuits; and

6 WHEREAS, damage caused to the land by prairie dogs also results in air and water
7 pollution; and

8 WHEREAS, prairie dogs are a carrier of the plague and have infected humans and caused
9 deaths in several instances; and

10 WHEREAS, a considerable amount of the problem is caused by prairie dogs migrating from
11 land owned by the United States; and



1 WHEREAS, Section 34A-8-7 provides a mandatory procedure for the State of South Dakota
2 to control prairie dogs encroaching on private lands from public lands:

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-ninth Legislature
4 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the State of
5 South Dakota by and through its Secretary of Agriculture and its Secretary of Game, Fish and
6 Parks, immediately institute a program to control prairie dogs on private land that are
7 encroaching from public lands; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as part of that control program, the State of South
9 Dakota and the United States establish a buffer zone within the public lands affected wherein
10 the prairie dog population is controlled so that they are not migrating to the adjacent private
11 lands.

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