

# State of South Dakota

## SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2001

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### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

Introduced by: Representatives Kloucek, Bartling, Jensen, and Nachtigal and Senators  
Koetzle, Bogue, Duxbury, McIntyre, Sutton (Dan), and Symens

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to assign liability associated with  
2 genetically modified organisms.

3 WHEREAS, genetic engineering and the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) have  
4 significantly increased the economic uncertainty of family farmers in the United States and  
5 worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, American farmers have lost critical markets which are closed to genetically  
7 engineered products; and

8 WHEREAS, corporate control of the seed supply threatens farmers' independence; and

9 WHEREAS, farmers currently face the prospect of legal and financial liability due to genetic  
10 contamination of non-GMO crops and other potential losses such as environmental or ecological  
11 damage:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
13 sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that Congress be  
14 urged to pass new legislation that places liability for all economic and environmental damages  
15 caused by GMO seeds on the companies that develop and manufacture them.