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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1015

Introduced by: Representatives Kloucek and Van Norman and Senator Dennert

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting certain minimum price legislation.

2 WHEREAS, it is within the power of state government to protect and further the public  
3 health and welfare; and

4 WHEREAS, the production of agricultural products constitutes a paramount industry of the  
5 Midwestern States, which provides substantial revenues for the states and their political  
6 subdivisions, which provides employment and a means of livelihood for a substantial part of the  
7 population of the Midwestern States, and which furnishes essential foods that are vital to the  
8 public health and welfare of the nation and world; and

9 WHEREAS, when family agriculture producers have received parity prices for their  
10 commodities, prosperity has been felt throughout the economies of our states; and

11 WHEREAS, the inability of individual family producers to secure a reasonable return for  
12 agricultural products prevents producers from maintaining a reasonable standard of living,  
13 increases economic insecurity due to unemployment, and is a matter of general interest and  
14 concern requiring appropriate action by the state to reduce unemployment, financial depression,  
15 and economic instability:

1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
2   sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
3   Dakota Legislature supports minimum-price legislation for agricultural commodities; and

4       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such legislation apply to all grades and types of the  
5   commodity produced, bought, or subject to normal price differentials reflecting grades and  
6   quality; that the minimum price should not be less than sixty percent of parity nor greater than  
7   one hundred percent of parity as defined by U.S.C., Title 7, section 1301, as amended through  
8   January 1, 1999, that supply management or orderly marketing procedures shall be adopted if  
9   levels of production threaten the disruption of normal marketing patterns, and that such laws be  
10   enforced through appropriate civil and criminal penalties.