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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1007

Introduced by: Representatives Peterson (Bill), Broderick, Davis, Duenwald, Elliott, Fryslie, Hansen (Tom), Klaudt, Konold, Kooistra, Lange, McCoy, Murschel, Slaughter, Solum, Valandra, and Wick and Senators Everist, Brosz, Hutmacher, Koetzle, McCracken, McIntyre, Munson, Reedy, Staggers, Sutton (Dan), and Volesky

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Public Utilities Commission, Qwest
2 Corporation, and the Federal Communications Commission to proceed as quickly as possible
3 with the process of allowing Qwest Corporation to provide interstate telecommunications
4 services in South Dakota.

5 WHEREAS, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 was approved by Congress to
6 promote competition in all segments of the telecommunications market; and

7 WHEREAS, competition in the telecommunications industry is expected to reduce the cost
8 of local and long distance service, increase the advancement of new telecommunications
9 technologies and systems in the state, and to improve services for customers; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 specifically sets
11 forth the criteria for determining whether Qwest's local exchange markets are open to
12 competitors; and

13 WHEREAS, Section 271 allows Qwest Corporation to provide interstate



1 telecommunications services to customers in its local service areas once the criteria for opened
2 markets are satisfied; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 271 approval must be granted by the Federal Communications
4 Commission in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
6 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Public
7 Utilities Commission move the Section 271 process forward as quickly as possible; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the Federal
9 Communications Commission to move the Section 271 process forward as quickly as possible;
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
12 to each member of the Public Utilities Commission, the chief executive officer of Qwest
13 Corporation, each member of the Federal Telecommunications Commission, and to each member
14 of the South Dakota Congressional Delegation.