

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing the support of the Legislature for the construction and operation of a federal Western Grasslands Invasive Weed Laboratory in Rapid City, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, noxious weeds and invasive species have a detrimental effect on agricultural, forest, and grazing lands in South Dakota and other states in the region; and

WHEREAS, the total impact of costs attributable to nonindigenous weeds is as high as \$5.4 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, effective and cost-efficient methods must be found to control invasive species and noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service has specialists who have the expertise needed to conduct such research; and

WHEREAS, the Western Grasslands Invasive Weed Laboratory would work cooperatively with state universities, other federal and state agencies, and private research groups; and

WHEREAS, the laboratory would focus on noxious weeds in South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Rapid City is centrally located, making access by scientists and distribution of information easier:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature supports the establishment of a Western Grasslands Invasive Weed Laboratory in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 29, 2002  
January 31, 2002

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Speaker of the House

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