

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030

Introduced by

Representatives Nelson, D. Johnson, Pollert

Senator Klein

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to ensure the availability of as many crop protection
2 products as possible, to use actual scientific data to determine the safety of crop protection
3 products, to accept scientific data generated by the North Dakota State University Main
4 Research Center and by the research extension centers regarding the safety of crop protection
5 products, to establish uniform policies governing the implementation of the 1996 Food Quality
6 Protection Act, and to ensure that implementation of the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act does
7 not negatively impact agricultural production nor the availability and affordability of food.

8 **WHEREAS**, farmers in this state use crop protection products in a safe and responsible
9 manner; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the loss of many crop protection products will jeopardize the very
11 foundation of the safe and abundant food supply for all consumers; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the elimination of such crop protection products will have devastating
13 effects on the economy of our state and jeopardize the livelihood of many farmers in this state;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act substantially changes the way crop
16 protection products are evaluated to scientifically determine their health effects; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is making
18 decisions regarding which crop protection products will be made available and which will not;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, it appears that the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is
21 making overly conservative decisions based on insufficient information, instead of attempting to
22 obtain sufficient scientific data; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the method by which the administrator of the Environmental Protection
24 Agency is implementing the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act may cause farmers to lose
25 access to valuable crop protection products and consequently jeopardize farm production; and

1 **WHEREAS**, if farmers are not able to choose from a wide array of crop protection
2 products, farmers will lose the ability to practice proper conservation tillage and integrated pest
3 management, thereby causing environmental impacts, and foreign producers will enjoy a
4 competitive edge; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the absence of reliable information regarding crop protection products
6 results in fewer options for farmers who grow minor crops, significantly disrupts successful
7 integrated pest management programs, and jeopardizes the availability and affordability of
8 agricultural products;

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
10 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

11 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
12 ensure the availability of as many crop protection products as possible, to use actual scientific
13 data to determine the safety of crop protection products, to accept scientific data generated by
14 the North Dakota State University Main Research Center and by the research extension centers
15 regarding the safety of crop protection products, to establish uniform policies governing the
16 implementation of the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act, and to ensure that implementation of
17 the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act does not negatively impact agricultural production nor the
18 availability and affordability of food; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the State forward copies of this
20 resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture
21 Committees, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.