

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030  
(Representatives Nelson, D. Johnson, Pollert)  
(Senator Klein)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State