

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018**

Introduced by

Senators Wanzek, Flakoll, Schaible

Representatives Belter, Headland, D. Johnson

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to  
2 rely on sound scientific research to support regulatory decisionmaking with respect to the  
3 deregulation of alfalfa and all other similar circumstances.

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2010 the United States Supreme Court reversed a ban on genetically  
5 engineered alfalfa; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture recently released the final  
7 environmental impact statement for genetically engineered alfalfa; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture is considering the deregulation of  
9 genetically engineered alfalfa but not without geographic restrictions and isolation distances, in  
10 order to foster coexistence with individuals who produce nongenetically engineered seeds; and

11 **WHEREAS**, deregulation with conditions subverts a thorough scientifically based review  
12 process through the imposition of nonscientifically based regulatory decisionmaking; and

13 **WHEREAS**, growers who produce high-value crops under identity-preserved systems have  
14 a long history of cooperating with neighboring growers to isolate crops from adjacent fields; and

15 **WHEREAS**, all growers continue to work closely with the seed industry to meet their  
16 respective stewardship obligations through contractual arrangements and other mechanisms;  
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, matters of coexistence and stewardship are most effectively and efficiently  
19 addressed through producer relationships, rather than through federal regulatory impositions;

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

22 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Secretary of the United States  
23 Department of Agriculture to rely on sound scientific research to support regulatory  
24 decisionmaking with respect to the deregulation of alfalfa and all other similar circumstances;  
25 and

- 1        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
- 2        to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and to each member of the
- 3        North Dakota Congressional Delegation.