

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018
(Senators Wanzek, Flakoll, Schaible)
(Representatives Belter, Headland, D. Johnson)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State