

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4008
(Senators Wanzek, Grindberg, O'Connell, Tomac)
(Representatives Nicholas, Wilkie)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to require the Environmental Protection Agency to use Canadian data in its registration of crop protection chemicals appropriate for canola.

WHEREAS, North Dakota accounts for nearly one-half of all canola acreage in the United States; and

WHEREAS, increases in canola acreages have been limited by the lack of crop protection chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian government has allowed for the registration of approximately three dozen crop protection chemicals appropriate for canola; and

WHEREAS, the United States government, through the Environmental Protection Agency, has allowed for the registration of only six crop protection chemicals appropriate for canola; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is already pursuing harmonization with Canada of the registration of crop protection chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency needs to put more resources into the harmonization with Canada of crop protection chemicals; and

WHEREAS, use of Canadian registration data by the United States Environmental Protection Agency could accelerate its registration process for crop protection chemicals appropriate for canola;

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

That the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to require the Environmental Protection Agency to use Canadian data in its registration of crop protection chemicals appropriate for canola; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Environmental Protection Agency be directed to commit the resources needed to harmonize with Canada the registration of crop protection chemicals for canola; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on 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 _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State