

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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