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4 **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1609**

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6 By Committee on Agriculture

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States depart-
11 ment of agriculture to enter into an agreement with the state of Kansas
12 in which landowners who discover sericea lespedeza on CRP lands are
13 not penalized.

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15 WHEREAS, Sericea lespedeza is a prevalent, destructive, noxious
16 weed which has established itself on more than 500,000 acres in the state
17 of Kansas; and

18 WHEREAS, the secretary of agriculture for the state of Kansas has
19 been given the authority to declare counties sericea lespedeza disaster
20 areas; and

21 WHEREAS, many people in the state of Kansas are unfamiliar with
22 sericea lespedeza, its destructive abilities and how to identify it; and

23 WHEREAS, when federal employees discover sericea lespedeza on
24 Kansas landowners' CRP lands, ~~they are~~ **the landowner is** penalized
25 without first having the opportunity to attempt to ~~eradicate~~ **control** this
26 noxious weed: NOW, therefore,

27 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*
28 *resentatives concurring therein:* that the United States department of
29 agriculture be urged to enter into an agreement with the state of Kansas
30 to avoid penalizing Kansas landowners who discover sericea lespedeza on
31 CRP lands without first being given the opportunity to ~~eradicate~~ **control**
32 the noxious weed.

33 *Be it further resolved:* that the Secretary of State be directed to send
34 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States secretary of ag-
35 riculture and to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.

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