

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1813

By Senator Betts

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9 A RESOLUTION urging divestiture of investments in Sudan.

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11 WHEREAS, The world was horrified by the genocide practiced in  
12 Nazi Germany and more recently in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rwanda;  
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14 WHEREAS, The Darfur region of Sudan is suffering cataclysmic in-  
15 ternal strife that has been called “ethnic cleansing” but which is better  
16 described as genocide; and

17 WHEREAS, Investments of American dollars have been used by the  
18 government of Sudan to support this genocidal killing; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States government divested from the Suda-  
20 nese oil fields in 2000; and

21 WHEREAS, Multinational corporations such as PetroChina, Sinopec,  
22 ABB and Tatneft are still sending American dollars to Sudan; and

23 WHEREAS, The Kansas Public Employees Retirement System  
24 (KPERs) currently has invested in 39 Sudanese companies; and

25 WHEREAS, Those KPERs investments total \$365,305,079.14, while  
26 the Kansas City Police Employees’ Retirement (KCPER) currently has  
27 invested \$29,979,944.90 in nine Sudanese companies; and

28 WHEREAS, The policy of divestiture of investments from South Af-  
29 rica was a powerful tool in the effort to end apartheid in that country;  
30 Now, therefore,

31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Treasurer  
32 of the State of Kansas is urged to examine the state’s investments to  
33 determine whether Kansas funds are invested in Sudan and in multina-  
34 tional corporations such as PetroChina, Sinopec, ABB, Tatneft, and any  
35 others that are supporting the genocide in Darfur; and

36 *Be it further resolved:* That the Treasurer of the State of Kansas con-  
37 sider a policy of divestiture from such investments; and

38 *Be it further resolved:* That the comptrollers of KPERs and KCPER  
39 also consider such a policy.