

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1611

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Secretary of Agriculture to permit the use of land in the conservation reserve enhancement program for agricultural purposes.

WHEREAS, The United States department of agriculture administers conservation reserve enhancement programs (CREP) as joint state-federal programs; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas desires to participate in the CREP to reduce water withdrawal demands on the high plains aquifer, improve water quality, protect public water supplies and enhance wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Ethanol production through both grain and cellulosic matter has caused changes in how we use agricultural commodities; and

WHEREAS, Water preservation is vital to the sustainability and the livelihood of future generations of our rural agricultural communities; and

WHEREAS, Allowing the agricultural practice of dryland farming of land in the CREP will benefit the Kansas economy: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein:* That we urge the United States Secretary of Agriculture to permit the use of land in the CREP for agriculture purposes such as planting of agricultural commodities including, but not limited to, grains, cellulosic or biomass materials, alfalfa, grasses, legumes or other cover crops; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send an enrolled copy of this concurrent resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

Adopted by the HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*