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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1625**

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation and Public Safety Budget

Brief*

SCR 1625 encourages the federal government to act aggressively in addressing threats of bioterrorism. It also points out the need to accelerate the construction and operation of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, Kansas, to provide research, testing, and evaluation to secure the nation's food supply and agricultural economy. The resolution further urges Congress to provide funding for the construction of the facility and to move quickly to sell Plum Island, the location of the previous facility. The final provision of the resolution directs copies of the resolution be sent to President Obama and Vice-President Biden, Secretary Napolitano of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Secretary Vilsack of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Secretary Sebelius of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate homeland security appropriations subcommittees, the Kansas Congressional Delegation, and Governor Mark Parkinson.

Background

The resolution was requested by the Joint Committee on Kansas Security.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

A representative of the Kansas Bioscience Authority spoke in favor of the resolution at one Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting. There were no opponents.

At the House Budget Committee on Transportation and Public Safety hearing, a representative of Kansas State University spoke in favor of the resolution. There were no opponents. The Budget Committee made a technical adjustment to remove superfluous language included in the resolution's description header, and recommended the resolution favorable for passage.