

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37
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3 A House Concurrent Resolution opposing a plan for
4 agricultural producers proposed by certain commodity
5 organizations in preparation for the 1995 federal
6 farm bill.
7 WHEREAS, agricultural production represents the
8 cornerstone of this nation's economy, provides
9 abundant supplies of food and fiber to this nation's
10 population, and provides billions of dollars in annual
11 exports to world markets; and
12 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa is one of the largest
13 agricultural producing states in the nation, and as
14 part of the upper midwest region, includes the most
15 fertile soils in the world, and represents one of the
16 world's leading areas in the production of grain and
17 livestock; and
18 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has
19 traditionally supported agricultural production, which
20 is the most efficient and productive in the world,
21 including by setting target prices and providing
22 support payments to ensure market security, and by
23 providing insurance against losses related to price
24 declines which have plagued states like Iowa which
25 consistently suffer from low prices for its
26 commodities due to the abundance of its production;
27 and
28 WHEREAS, the United States Congress is in the
29 process of drafting the 1995 federal farm bill which
30 will dramatically impact agricultural producers in

1 this nation, including producers in the state of Iowa;
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3 WHEREAS, in preparation for the deliberation of the
4 1995 federal farm bill, a number of commodity and farm
5 organizations, in cooperation with Iowa State
6 University, have considered methods to provide Iowa
7 agricultural producers with security income as an
8 alternative to current programs which are expected to
9 be reexamined, and may be changed or eliminated; and

10 WHEREAS, the alternative proposed has been referred
11 to as the Iowa Revenue Assurance Plan, and is expected
12 to be seriously considered by congressional committees
13 during the process of drafting and amending the
14 provisions of the 1995 federal farm bill; and

15 WHEREAS, the effect of the Iowa Revenue Assurance
16 Plan on agricultural producers, especially upon
17 agricultural producers in the midwest region, has been
18 seriously questioned by a number of economists,
19 including studies performed by Purdue University and
20 the United States Department of Agriculture; and

21 WHEREAS, conclusions of the studies provide that
22 the effect of the plan will disproportionately
23 penalize agricultural producers in those states like
24 Iowa located in highly productive regions which
25 utilize highly efficient production systems, compared
26 to producers in poor and inefficient regions of the
27 nation, especially when large harvests are combined
28 with low prices; NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
30 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly

1 opposes the Iowa Revenue Assurance Plan and encourages
2 the Congress of the United States, the President of
3 the United States, and the Secretary of Agriculture,
4 United States Department of Agriculture, to work
5 toward formulating a plan which provides for a fair
6 and rational system to support agricultural production
7 based on the food security of the United States; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
9 Resolution be sent to the President of the United
10 States; the President of the Senate of the United
11 States; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
12 the United States; the chairman of the Committee on
13 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate of
14 the United States; and the chairman of the Committee
15 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives of the
16 United States; the Secretary of Agriculture, United
17 States Department of Agriculture; and Iowa's
18 congressional delegation.

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