

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

2 BY HANSEN and GRONSTAL

3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the Congress of the
4 United States to establish a national park in the
5 Loess Hills area of western Iowa.

6 WHEREAS, although loess deposits occur extensively
7 throughout the world, the Iowa loess deposits are
8 unique, with some deposits attaining the depth of
9 nearly 200 feet; and

10 WHEREAS, other loess deposits which approach the
11 magnitude of Iowa's Loess Hills are located in
12 northern China; and

13 WHEREAS, the Iowa Loess Hills, encompassing more
14 than 600,000 acres, hold an abundance of rare plant
15 and animal communities including some of the few
16 remaining plats of native prairie grasses; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is establishing the
18 Loess Hills Pioneer State Forest which currently
19 includes approximately 9,000 acres of forest, grass,
20 and cropland; and

21 WHEREAS, the loess deposits are highly erodible
22 soils which warrant appropriate conservation
23 management practices to protect the land from severe
24 soil losses; and

25 WHEREAS, many areas of Iowa's Loess Hills are
26 suitable for multiple public uses and benefits
27 including outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, and
28 historical, geological, and cultural investigation;
29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF

S. C. R. 104

1 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
2 of the State of Iowa requests the members of the
3 Congress of the United States to expeditiously pass
4 enabling legislation to, and direct the United States
5 Department of the Interior to, establish a Loess Hills
6 National Park in western Iowa; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
9 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
10 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United
11 States Department of the Interior, and the members
12 Iowa's congressional delegation.

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 105

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1 Amend Senate Concurrent Resolution 105 as follows:

2 1. By striking page 1, line 16, through page 4,
3 line 20, and inserting the following:

4 "WHEREAS, the tobacco industry produces products
5 that annually kill over 400,000 persons in the United
6 States and, despite substantial, ongoing and
7 successful local, state and national public health
8 efforts, tobacco products remain the principal
9 avoidable cause of death in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Iowa should lead the nation in enacting
11 strong and effective measures to provide freedom from
12 environmental tobacco smoke, curb youth access to
13 tobacco products, and otherwise protect citizens'
14 health from harm caused by tobacco products; and

15 WHEREAS, the tobacco industry has lied to the
16 public and policy makers about the information the
17 industry possesses, quashed relevant scientific data
18 about the damaging health effects of tobacco, and
19 improperly utilized industry attorneys to claim such
20 information as privileged; and

21 WHEREAS, for decades, the tobacco industry has
22 targeted industry advertising and promotional
23 campaigns toward minors, despite the fact that it is
24 illegal in Iowa and every other state in the nation to
25 sell tobacco products to minors; and

26 WHEREAS, mounting medical assistance claims
27 attributable to tobacco-related illnesses prompted 40
28 states, including Iowa, to seek legal recovery from
29 the tobacco industry; and

30 WHEREAS, to consolidate legal efforts, the
31 attorneys general who represent the plaintiff states
32 entered into negotiations with the defendant cigarette
33 manufacturers in an effort to reach a unified
34 settlement to compensate states for medical assistance
35 costs, and on June 20, 1997, the major cigarette
36 manufacturers and some state attorneys general
37 announced that they had reached a settlement that
38 would require congressional approval; and

39 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa currently has a lawsuit
40 pending against the tobacco companies which would be
41 preempted by the proposed settlement; and

42 WHEREAS, the proposed settlement would provide
43 compensation to the states and would provide for
44 promulgation of regulations to be enforced by the
45 federal food and drug administration, in cooperation
46 with state action; and

47 WHEREAS, the most significant and effective
48 deterrent to tobacco industry misconduct is to hold
49 tobacco companies fully accountable for the injury,
50 misery, and death caused by use of industry products;

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the president of the
4 United States and the Congress of the United States
5 are urged to accept national tobacco control
6 legislation that would protect Iowa's ability to
7 protect the public health from tobacco products,
8 including legislation that protects Iowa youth; and
9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in order to evaluate
10 the effectiveness of any tobacco control measures, all
11 documents that bear on public health or tobacco
12 industry misconduct, including those claimed to be
13 privileged, shall be disclosed, including information
14 regarding nicotine and additives, environmental
15 tobacco smoke, fire-safe cigarettes, and public
16 relations and marketing campaigns; and
17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That to reduce the harm
18 from tobacco, tobacco control legislation shall
19 include full federal food and drug administration and
20 state authority to regulate tobacco products without
21 any procedural hurdles or substantive burdens,
22 incentives to reduce tobacco use by minors, penalties
23 against the industry if reduced youth smoking targets
24 are not met, a ban on advertising aimed at children,
25 antitobacco educational campaigns, tough restrictions
26 on youth access to tobacco products, a nationwide
27 tobacco cessation effort, efforts to reduce tobacco
28 use internationally, and funds for enforcement; and".

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