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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
 2 BY BARTZ, BOETTGER, BLACK of Kossuth, RENSINK,
 3 KIBBIE, JUDGE, BEHN, FINK, HEDGE, and BORLAUG
 4 (COMPANION TO LSB 2748HH BY HAHN)
 5 A Concurrent Resolution to request that the Congress of
 6 the United States maintain and renew its commitment
 7 to America's corn growers and this nation's ethanol
 8 industry by supporting a tax exemption and by taking
 9 other actions to increase this nation's commitment to
 10 the production and use of ethanol.

11 WHEREAS, this nation is dependent upon the
 12 consumption of ever-diminishing domestic crude oil
 13 reserves with the United States annually importing
 14 foreign petroleum which accounts for 54 percent of the
 15 nation's petroleum consumption and contributes to the
 16 nation's serious trade deficit; and

17 WHEREAS, a significant amount of this nation's air
 18 pollution is caused by vehicles, emitting a variety of
 19 petroleum-based pollutants, including benzene and
 20 other aromatics, nitrous oxides, particulate matter in
 21 the form of smoke and soot, carbon monoxide, and
 22 carbon dioxide; and

23 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa ranks as a preeminent
 24 agricultural state, leading the nation in the
 25 production of corn; and

26 WHEREAS, the processing of corn into ethanol adds
 27 value to this nation's abundant corn crop, increasing
 28 net farm income, creating employment opportunities,
 29 increasing state and federal tax receipts, reducing
 30 this nation's dependence upon foreign nations, and

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1 reducing the federal trade deficit; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1996 ethanol production contributed
3 \$1.9 billion to Iowa's economy, affected the
4 employment of 13,250 Iowans, and increased the value
5 of Iowa's corn crop by \$335 million; and

6 WHEREAS, ethanol provides competition in fuel
7 markets and expands consumers' choice of motor fuels
8 which has resulted in a 45 percent market share in the
9 state of Iowa; and

10 WHEREAS, motor fuel that includes only a 10 percent
11 blend of ethanol contains 3.5 percent oxygen, which
12 enhances octane levels and provides more oxygen for
13 fuel combustion resulting in reduced levels of
14 hazardous emissions such as carbon monoxide and which
15 provides Americans with healthier air to breathe; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Congress in supporting
17 the need to reduce this nation's dependence upon
18 foreign petroleum, to provide additional markets for
19 domestic corn, to protect the public health, and to
20 preserve the nation's environment, has traditionally
21 encouraged ethanol production and consumption; and

22 WHEREAS, long-standing bipartisan congressional
23 support for the ethanol industry is reflected by the
24 5.4 cent federal tax exemption applicable to gasoline
25 formulated using clean burning ethanol; and

26 WHEREAS, the federal tax exemption, currently
27 scheduled to expire on December 31, 2000, is subject
28 to attack by certain members of the current session of
29 the 105th Congress of the United States, as manifested
30 by H.R. 161 introduced by United States Representative

1 Phil English and H.R. 587 introduced by United States
2 Representative Ken Bentsen, both supported by United
3 States Representative Bill Archer serving as the
4 Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; NOW
5 THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the general assembly
8 encourage the Congress of the United States to resist
9 all efforts to diminish its traditional support of
10 corn growers and the ethanol industry.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress of the
12 United States renew this nation's commitment to the
13 ethanol industry, including by continuing its support
14 of the federal ethanol tax exemption, increasing its
15 commitment to this environmentally benevolent
16 renewable fuel, and taking other actions to increase
17 this nation's commitment to the production and use of
18 ethanol.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
20 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to
21 the President of the United States.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
23 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to
24 the President of the Senate of the United States; the
25 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
26 States; the majority and minority leaders of the
27 United States Senate; and the majority and minority
28 leaders of the United States House of Representatives.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
30 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to

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1 the chairmen and ranking members of the United States
2 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
3 Forestry; the United States Senate Committee on
4 Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the United
5 States Senate Committee on Finance; the United States
6 Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the
7 United States House of Representatives Committee on
8 Agriculture; the United States House of
9 Representatives Committee on Ways and Means; the
10 United States House of Representatives Committee on
11 Transportation and Infrastructure; and the United
12 States House of Representatives Committee on
13 Resources.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
15 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to
16 Iowa's congressional delegation.

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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

2 BY NEUHAUSER

3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting an interim committee
4 on anatomical gift referral.

5 WHEREAS, currently 242 people in this state are
6 awaiting organ transplants including heart, lung,
7 liver, kidney, and kidney-pancreas transplants; and

8 WHEREAS, the number of organ donors in this state
9 was only 55 in 1996; and

10 WHEREAS, referrals from hospitals to organ
11 procurement organizations are a necessary and
12 important part of the anatomical gift process; and

13 WHEREAS, referrals from hospitals to organ
14 procurement organizations increased only slightly from
15 1995 to 1996; and

16 WHEREAS, the need for organ transplants continues
17 to increase at a faster rate than organ donations, NOW
18 THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Legislative
21 Council is requested to establish a legislative
22 committee during the 1997 interim of the General
23 Assembly to review the compliance of hospitals in
24 making referrals to organ procurement organizations
25 and to submit a report of findings and recommendations
26 to the General Assembly to increase referrals in the
27 state.

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29 (AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE SENATE APRIL 29, 1997)

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