

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Congress and the President of the United States to restore funding for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System.

WHEREAS, President Bush's FY 2009 budget proposes to eliminate all funding for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System is a critically needed project that is to improve the quality of life for over 300,000 people by providing quality and plentiful drinking water and by expanding the opportunity for economic development; and

WHEREAS, to date, twenty cities and rural water systems have paid over 98.6 percent of their share of the project, totaling \$106.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the three states participating in the project have either paid in full their share, as in the case of Iowa and Minnesota, or accelerated the funding for the project, as South Dakota has proposed; and

WHEREAS, to date, South Dakota has paid \$12.9 million for the project, not including the \$6.4 million proposed this year; and

WHEREAS, state and local participants have shown their strong support by prepaying or accelerating their payments and will have prepaid its remaining share by 2010; and

WHEREAS, continued funding from the federal government is critical for the timely and successful completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, approximately eighty percent of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System funding is from the federal government:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the members of the South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa Congressional delegations to do whatever is possible in securing at least \$26.5 million, which was the amount Congress enacted for FY 2008, or more.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 12, 2008
February 14, 2008

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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