

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to clearly delegate responsibility for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states.

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, a mechanical method of increasing the permeability of rock, thus increasing the amount of oil or gas produced from the rock, has greatly enhanced oil and gas production in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas production increases have led to growth in employment and economic development as well as promotion of energy independence for the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, has proven more than capable of regulating oil and gas recovery processes and ensuring the safety of workers while protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the state is best situated to closely monitor oil and gas drilling and fracturing operations to ensure they are conducted in an environmentally sound manner:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to clearly delegate responsibility for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states.

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

February 2, 2012
February 7, 2012

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