

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

Introduced by: Representatives Jensen, Hubbel, Magstadt, Olson (Betty), Steele, and Venner
and Senator Schlekeway

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

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

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

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

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

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
14 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
15 Dakota Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to clearly delegate responsibility for



1 the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states.