

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to adopt a proposed constitutional amendment limiting federal legislation to a single subject.

WHEREAS, the United States of America, in two hundred thirty-five years since her founding, and two hundred twenty-three years since the ratification of her Constitution, has become a great nation; and

WHEREAS, to reach agreement amidst diversity, we must discover those ideas which unite us; and

WHEREAS, to find what unites us, we cannot be distracted by what divides us and must be permitted to agree on some things, while respectfully disagreeing on others; and

WHEREAS, if we must agree on everything to do anything, we will achieve nothing; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation has become increasingly complex, lengthy, and filled with such disparate items, that the meaning and effects of proposed laws are difficult to discern, detect, and discuss; and

WHEREAS, forty-three states have provisions in their constitutions that limit the scope of legislation to one subject per bill; and

WHEREAS, while one-subject provisions have not resolved all differences and are not perfect, they have made legislation more easily understood and more transparent; and

WHEREAS, these one-subject provisions have focused discussion and allowed legislators from across the United States of America to unite when they agree, without being divided by their differences; and

WHEREAS, while no one amendment or action will completely unite us or overcome all our nation's challenges, all great achievements are begun with one step for America; and

WHEREAS, our founders understood that no one thing solves everything, and so strove not for a perfect union but a more perfect union:

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 Congress of the United States of America be urged to adopt a proposed constitutional amendment stating: "No

law shall embrace more than one subject, which shall be expressed in its title."

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

February 16, 2012  
February 22, 2012

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