

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1016

Introduced by: Representatives Nelson, Campbell, Craig, Greenfield, Kaiser, Kopp, Magstadt, May, Olson (Betty), Russell, Stalzer, Steele, and Verchio and Senators Jensen, Begalka, Ewing, Monroe, Omdahl, and Otten (Ernie)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the federal government to enforce United States  
2 immigration laws and not grant amnesty to those who have entered the United States  
3 illegally.

4 WHEREAS, the United States of America takes in more legal immigrants than any nation  
5 in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, it is impossible to honor the rich tradition of immigration and the rule of law  
7 upon which the American republic was founded unless existing immigration laws are ardently  
8 and equally enforced; and

9 WHEREAS, according to estimates, eleven to twenty million people are present in the  
10 United States in violation of immigration laws; and

11 WHEREAS, while more than twenty million Americans are under-employed or  
12 unemployed, illegal labor takes jobs away from American workers and lowers American wages;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, illegal employment and illegal immigration have a negative effect an America's



1 poorest; and

2 WHEREAS, the weight of the crisis lies with employers willing to hire cheaper black-  
3 market labor while legal immigrants and native-born Americans suffer the ravages of  
4 unemployment; and

5 WHEREAS, official Congressional Budget Office data estimates that the recently passed  
6 Schumer-Rubio "Gang of Eight" legalization legislation known as S.744 would only reduce  
7 illegal immigration by thirty to fifty percent; and

8 WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office also reports that the same Senate immigration  
9 bill would lower American wages; and

10 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama declared in his January 27, 2010, State of the Union  
11 address, "We should continue the work of fixing our broken immigration system—to secure our  
12 borders and enforce our laws, and ensure that everyone who plays by the rules can contribute  
13 to our economy and enrich our nation."; and

14 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the federal government to enforce its borders,  
15 immigration laws, and employment laws to protect American citizens and the sovereignty of the  
16 United States of America; and

17 WHEREAS, Congress instituted a "one time" legalization for illegal aliens in 1986 that  
18 promised to solve the illegal immigration crisis forever; and

19 WHEREAS, the amnesty of 1986 proved beyond all doubt that rewarding illegal immigrants  
20 with amnesty is counter to the principles of justice and equal protection and only produces more  
21 illegal immigration; and

22 WHEREAS, the enforcement of existing federal immigration laws including those regarding  
23 national security, immigration, and employment are necessary for the perpetuation of the  
24 sovereignty of this nation and the well-being of the American people:

1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
2 Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
3 Dakota Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to provide  
4 immediately for the security of our nation by controlling and securing our national borders and  
5 to resist all efforts to grant amnesty to illegal aliens who have violated the immigration laws of  
6 this nation and who are here illegally.