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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 647

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE FOR THE SUPPORT OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
3 REQUIRING THE USE OF "SOUND SCIENCE" IN EVALUATING CROP PROTECTION
4 CHEMISTRIES AND NUTRIENTS.

5 WHEREAS, a sustainable agricultural system in the United
6 States is critical to the continued production of food, feed, and
7 fiber to meet both domestic and global demands; and

8 WHEREAS, the treatment, prevention and control of
9 agricultural pests is critically important to the health and
10 welfare of our residents and the safety of our global food, feed,
11 and fiber supply; and

12 WHEREAS, the availability of modern agricultural technologies
13 such as precision farming equipment, crop protection chemistries,
14 genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and agricultural
15 nutrients are critically important tools that allow farmers to
16 expand yields, reduce environmental impacts, improve profitability
17 and provide a safe, healthy, abundant and affordable food supply;
18 and



19 WHEREAS, the agriculture and food production industries have
20 a long history of success and safety in protecting and further
21 enhancing the food, feed, and fiber supply of state residents and
22 the world; and

23 WHEREAS, the agriculture industry is recognized as an
24 important contributor to the economic vitality of the State of
25 Mississippi through jobs, capital investment, farm income, value
26 added sectors and contributions to the state's tax base; and

27 WHEREAS, the crop protection industry is among the most
28 studied and regulated of all industries at both the state and
29 federal levels; and

30 WHEREAS, the continued success of these industries and our
31 nation's position as a world leader in crop protection
32 chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced traits and
33 nutrients depends on state and federal regulators utilizing
34 science-based data to assess both product and ingredient safety;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, sound science rather than the "precautionary
37 principle" should be the bedrock of our nation's regulatory
38 scheme:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
41 the State of Mississippi supports the use of science-based data to
42 assess the impacts and the regulation of modern agricultural
43 technologies, including, but not limited to, crop protection



44 chemistries, genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and
45 nutrients.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of Mississippi opposes
47 legislative or regulatory action, whether at the federal, state,
48 or other local level, that may result in unnecessary restrictions
49 on the use of modern agricultural technologies, including, but not
50 limited to, crop protection chemistries, genetically engineered or
51 enhanced traits, and nutrients that are not based on sound
52 science.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall
54 transmit copies of this resolution to each member of the
55 Mississippi Congressional Delegation, the Director of the United
56 States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Mississippi
57 Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

