

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3028**

Introduced by

Representative Belter

Senator Wanzek

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to support the responsible use of the beneficial  
2 qualities of biotechnology such as pharmaceuticals, anti-immune disease control,  
3 biodegradable plastics, and other potential benefits to people and the global environment  
4 through high-yield agricultural production.

5 **WHEREAS**, biotechnology refers to any technique that uses living organisms or parts  
6 thereof to make or modify a product or plants, animals, or micro-organisms for specific uses  
7 and has been used by humankind for thousands of years to improve plants, animals, and  
8 micro-organisms; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in the last three decades scientific advances in molecular biology have  
10 resulted in what is known as recombinant DNA technology or "genetic engineering" with the  
11 ability to readily move genetic material between more distantly related organisms; and

12 **WHEREAS**, pest-resistant and disease-resistant crops developed through  
13 biotechnology will preserve and improve the environment by reducing the need for herbicides  
14 and pesticides; and

15 **WHEREAS**, modern biotechnology is being used to increase the productivity of crops  
16 and livestock, to improve the quality of life by developing new high-yield crops that require  
17 fewer inputs and conserve natural resources, to increase the food supply for a rapidly  
18 increasing human population, to produce more nutritious foods with longer shelf lives, and to  
19 continue to provide consumers with high-quality, low-cost food products; and

20 **WHEREAS**, further advances in modern biotechnology may result in improved crops  
21 that combat vitamin and mineral deficiencies that afflict hundreds of millions of people  
22 worldwide or that can be used to produce life-saving vaccines and biodegradable plastics; and

23 **WHEREAS**, federal law requires that all foods and food ingredients, whether produced  
24 by traditional or modern biotechnology, must be extensively reviewed for safety by the United

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Legislative Assembly

1 States Food and Drug Administration and meet the provisions of the federal Food, Drug, and  
2 Cosmetic Act before these products may be sold to consumers;

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
4 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

5 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to  
6 support the responsible use of the beneficial qualities of biotechnology such as  
7 pharmaceuticals, anti-immune disease control, biodegradable plastics, and other potential  
8 benefits to people and the global environment through high-yield agricultural production; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
10 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.