

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1609

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States department of agriculture to enter into an agreement with the state of Kansas in which landowners who discover sericea lespedeza on CRP lands are not penalized.

WHEREAS, Sericea lespedeza is a prevalent, destructive, noxious weed which has established itself on more than 500,000 acres in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The secretary of agriculture for the state of Kansas has been given the authority to declare counties sericea lespedeza disaster areas; and

WHEREAS, Many people in the state of Kansas are unfamiliar with sericea lespedeza, its destructive abilities and how to identify it; and

WHEREAS, When federal employees discover sericea lespedeza on Kansas landowners' CRP lands, the landowner is penalized without first having the opportunity to attempt to control this noxious weed: NOW, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the United States department of agriculture be urged to enter into an agreement with the state of Kansas to avoid penalizing Kansas landowners who discover sericea lespedeza on CRP lands without first being given the opportunity to control the noxious weed.

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States secretary of agriculture and to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Adopted by the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.