



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 604

Introduced by: **Senator Nesiba**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the South Dakota Congressional delegation to**
2 **work with the Biden administration to address the nation's immigration**
3 **system.**

4 WHEREAS, the immigration system of the United States is facing significant challenges,
5 with longstanding issues that require comprehensive and bipartisan solutions; and

6 WHEREAS, Governor Kristi Noem has consistently advocated for policies that prioritize the
7 security of the nation's borders and the wellbeing of South Dakota's communities. In doing
8 so, the Governor has deployed multiple groups of the South Dakota National Guard to the
9 United States-Mexico border, and made several trips to the border to observe border security
10 efforts; and

11 WHEREAS, South Dakota has a vested interest in promoting policies that foster economic
12 growth, cultural diversity, and the wellbeing of its residents. Collaboration between state and
13 federal authorities is crucial to address the complex and multifaceted nature of the
14 immigration system; and

15 WHEREAS, the Biden administration has been working to pass bipartisan legislation
16 through Congress to address the immigration crisis, negotiating a bill that would result in a
17 fair but tough measure to address the prevailing problems of the immigration system;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the
19 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that Senator John
20 Thune, Senator Mike Rounds, and Representative Dusty Johnson are urged to engage in an
21 open and constructive dialogue with the Biden administration to pass bipartisan legislation to
22 address the broken immigration system; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Senator John Thune, Senator Mike Rounds, and
24 Representative Dusty Johnson support legislation that prioritizes border security while also

- 1 promoting fairness, transparency, and respect for the humanitarian challenges in immigration
- 2 policies.