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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Introduced by: Senators Buhl, Adelstein, Begalka, Cutler, Lederman, and Nygaard and Representatives Feinstein, Blake, Elliott, Gibson, Hickey, Hubbel, Hunhoff (Bernie), Iron Cloud III, Jones, Kirkeby, Kloucek, Kopp, Lucas, Nelson (Stace), Sly, and Stricherz

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to enact legislation banning bisphenol A
2 in children's products.

3 WHEREAS, bisphenol A (BPA) is a hazardous toxin that can have adverse effects on
4 humans and animals and is found in many plastics, food and drink packaging, baby bottles,
5 teething devices, toys, and other child care articles, and children and babies are exposed to this
6 product on a regular basis; and

7 WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence that BPA has been shown to have hormone
8 disrupting effects. Newborns and infants are a population particularly vulnerable to the effects
9 of BPA; and

10 WHEREAS, a number of states have banned or introduced legislation banning the sale,
11 manufacturing, and distribution of toys, child care articles, baby bottles, and food containers
12 made with BPA, but comprehensive federal legislation is needed to create a national standard
13 for manufacturers, retailers, and other distributors; and

14 WHEREAS, Canada and the European Union recently enacted bans on baby bottles



1 containing BPA, and in Japan the canning industry voluntarily removed BPA from epoxy resin
2 can liners, an action which reduced BPA in blood levels in people by as much as fifty percent;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the increasing public concern over products containing BPA has led many
5 companies to voluntarily limit the use of this toxic chemical, or in some cases, completely
6 remove BPA from children's products, baby bottles, and reusable water bottles; and

7 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to urge the United States Congress to enact legislation
8 banning bisphenol A from children's products:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-sixth Legislature of
10 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
11 Dakota Legislature respectfully urges the United States Congress to enact legislation banning
12 bisphenol A from children's products.