Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 33

By: Fields of the Senate

and

Murdock of the House

A Concurrent Resolution calling on the United States government to reform or revise rules applicable to crop insurance to remove requirements or incentives for irrigators to continue to apply water to crops past the point of certain failure for that season due to drought or other conditions; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Water for 2060 Advisory Council studied practical solutions for increasing water use efficiency in the crop irrigation sector, the largest water use sector in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, crop irrigators from the state provided input to the Water for 2060 Advisory Council indicating that current crop insurance rules often encourage or require unnecessary and wasteful application of water to crops well past the point of certain failure in order to "prove out" the irrigator's attempt to raise a crop in drought or other conditions to qualify for an insurance payment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this input from crop irrigators of the state, the Water for 2060 Advisory Council identified crop insurance reform as one way of reducing waste and increasing water use efficiency in support of the state's Water for 2060 goals; and

WHEREAS, crop insurance is governed at the federal level and Oklahoma's legislature and agricultural industry have no direct control over the desired modifications to crop insurance rules to end the need for wasting water to prove out attempts at failed

crops. Notwithstanding the lack of direct control, Oklahoma is determined to be a leader at the federal level in calling attention to the issue and advocating for crop insurance reform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma State House of Representatives hereby urge the Legislative and Executive Branches of the United States Government to reform and revise crop insurance rules to remove requirements or incentives to irrigate crops beyond the point of certain failure in order to "prove out" the attempt to raise a crop in order to make an insurance claim.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and to the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of March, 2016.

Nathan Dahm

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 19th day of May, 2016.

Todd Thomas

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 20th day of May, 2016, at 9:30 o'clock A.M.

By: Chris Benge