

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, the practice of saving seed from one year's harvest in order to plant it for the next year's crop has been an integral part of farming for as long as farming has existed; and

WHEREAS, the act of patenting seed and not allowing the seed to be saved from one crop to the next goes against thousands of years of agricultural practice; and

WHEREAS, the use of federal patent law in this manner allows the patent holder to create a monopoly in this country on the sale of certain crop seeds; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a monopoly under federal patent law contradicts the spirit of federal anti-trust law as well as violates the spirit of the independent American farmer:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, encourage Congress to amend the Patent Act so that the natural offspring of a patented seed are not considered to be covered under the original patent and amend the Patent Act so that inadvertent possession of a seed containing a patented cell or any offspring of such a seed is not considered infringement of the original patent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

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