



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

November 15, 2005 – Introduced by Senators KANAVAS, A. LASEE, COWLES and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives DAVIS, VOS, TOWNS, NISCHKE and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs.

1 **Relating to:** supporting the creation of a compact with the states of Iowa, Illinois,
2 Michigan, and Minnesota for the purpose of pooling resources to attract
3 biotechnology research.

4 Whereas, the biotechnology industry has created a very competitive market for
5 states that want this type of research done within their respective borders; and

6 Whereas, midwestern states have a difficult time competing against states
7 such as California that has bonded \$3 billion for research through the public
8 ratification of proposition 71 in 2004; and

9 Whereas, the midwestern institutions of higher learning, as well as established
10 research companies, can compete and lead the nation in research if financial tools
11 are available, and the cross-state political environment is cohesive; and

12 Whereas, creating a compact with neighboring states will ensure that existing
13 and new businesses know that the Midwest can compete for research dollars and
14 spin-off company relocation; and

1 Whereas, said companies know that the midwestern states are open for
2 business and will work to be competitive with states, such as California, and nations;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
5 legislature asks the governor of the state of Wisconsin to work with the governors of
6 the midwestern states to pool resources in an effort to compete for more
7 biotechnology research; and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the governor of the state of Wisconsin should work to solidify
9 a compact with the states of Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota for the purpose
10 of pooling resources to attract biotechnology research; and, be it further

11 ***Resolved, That*** the governor of the state of Wisconsin is urged to bring political
12 leaders, top university officials, and business leaders from the aforementioned
13 midwestern states to initiate a dialogue on how these states can compete for
14 biotechnology start-up business, business retention, and business expansion; and,
15 be it further

16 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall send a copy of this joint resolution
17 to the governors of the states of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

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