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## **South Dakota House Calls on Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, Senator Tim Johnson to Support Ashcroft**

**WASHINGTON**—The South Dakota House of Representatives yesterday passed a resolution “petitioning South Dakota’s United States Senators to vote in favor of the confirmation of Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft.”

The resolution, HCR 1002, passed by an overwhelming 49-20 margin. To view a copy of the resolution visit <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2001/bills/HCR1002p.htm>.

Since the Ashcroft fight began, Americans for Tax Reform has encouraged certain states with Republican-controlled legislatures that have at least one Democrat U.S. Senator to pass resolutions like the one passed yesterday in South Dakota. To aide in the campaign, ATR circulated a model resolution, which was subsequently used by the state house in South Dakota.

There are ten states with Republican-controlled legislatures that have at least one Democrat U.S. Senator: Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, and South Carolina.

“Speaker Eccarius and the rest of the South Dakota House of Representatives are to be commended,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform.

“It’s important for Senators Daschle and Johnson to realize they don’t just represent the special interests of the Democrat Party. Tom Daschle doesn’t work for Ted Kennedy or Hillary Clinton—he should represent the people of South Dakota, sixty percent of whom voted for George W. Bush.

“By passing this resolution, the South Dakota House of Representatives sent a clear message to Washington—senators are being watched by their constituents, and that’s more important than being loved by the Washington establishment.”

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