

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0004

Black tailed prairie dog.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson, J. and Representative(s)
Cannady

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION expressing Wyoming's opposition to
2 inclusion of the black tailed prairie dog on the list of
3 candidate species to be considered for listing as a
4 threatened or endangered species under the Endangered
5 Species Act of 1973.

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7 WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is
8 considering including the black tailed prairie dog on the
9 list of candidate species to be listed as a threatened or
10 endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of
11 1973; and

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13 WHEREAS, the black tailed prairie dog is very prolific and
14 has habitat over a large part of Wyoming public and private
15 land; and

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1 WHEREAS, the black tailed prairie dog destroys all ground
2 cover in its habitat; and

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4 WHEREAS, this destruction causes soil erosion leading to
5 increased sediment in streams causing poor habitat for
6 fish; and

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8 WHEREAS, this destruction and loss of ground cover is very
9 detrimental to feed for livestock and wildlife.

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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
12 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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14 **Section 1.** The state of Wyoming will not tolerate the
15 designation of the black tailed prairie dog as a threatened
16 or endangered species.

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18 **Section 2.** The United States Fish and Wildlife
19 Service should not list the black tailed prairie dog as a
20 threatened or endangered species under the Endangered
21 Species Act of 1973.

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1 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
3 United States, President of the Senate and the Speaker of
4 the House of Representatives of the United States Congress,
5 the members of the Wyoming Congressional delegation, the
6 Director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and to the
7 lead United States Fish and Wildlife Service Field Office.

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