

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

**H**

**1**

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1007**

---

Sponsors: Representatives Hill; Wainwright, Yongue, and Barefoot.

---

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

---

April 13, 1999

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO TAKE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT  
2 THE FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT.

3 Whereas, the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) was signed into law  
4 on August 3, 1996, by President William J. Clinton; and

5 Whereas, the FQPA establishes new safety standards that pesticides must meet  
6 to be newly registered or remain on the market; and

7 Whereas, the FQPA requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to  
8 ensure that all pesticide tolerances meet these new FQPA standards by reassessing one-  
9 third of the 9,700 existing pesticide tolerances by August 1999, and all existing  
10 tolerances in 10 years; and

11 Whereas, the FQPA institutes changes in the types of information the EPA is  
12 required to evaluate in the risk assessment process for establishing tolerances for  
13 pesticide residues in food and feed; and

14 Whereas, the FQPA was to assure that pesticide tolerances and policies are  
15 formulated in an open and transparent manner; and

16 Whereas, the FQPA further emphasizes the need for reliable information about  
17 the volume and types of pesticides being applied to individual crops and what residues  
18 can be anticipated on these crops; and

19 Whereas, risk estimates based on sound science and reliable, real-world data  
20 are essential to avoid misguided decisions, and the best way for the EPA to obtain this  
21 data is to require its development and submission by the registrant through the data call-  
22 in process; and

1           Whereas, the implementation of FQPA by the EPA could have a profound  
2 negative impact on domestic agricultural production and on consumer food prices and  
3 availability; and

4           Whereas, the possibility of elimination of these products will result in fewer  
5 pest control options for the United States and the State of North Carolina and significant  
6 disruption of successful integrated pest management programs which would be  
7 devastating to the economy of our State and jeopardize the very livelihood of many of  
8 our agricultural producers; and

9           Whereas, the absence of reliable information is expected to result in fewer pest  
10 control options for urban and suburban uses, with potential losses of personal property,  
11 damage to valuable recreational areas and managed green space and increased human  
12 health concerns; Now, therefore,

13 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

14           Section 1. The House of Representatives urges Congress to direct the  
15 Environmental Protection Agency to (i) immediately initiate appropriate public  
16 administrative guidance or rule making to ensure that the policies, standards, and  
17 procedures it intends to apply in reassessing existing pesticide tolerances are subject to  
18 thorough public notice and comment prior to final tolerance determinations being made  
19 by the agency, (ii) use sound science and real-world data from the data call-in process in  
20 establishing realistic models for evaluating risks, and (iii) implement the the Food  
21 Quality Protection Act of 1996 in a manner that will not disrupt agricultural production  
22 nor negatively impact the availability, diversity, and affordability of food, threaten public  
23 health nor diminish the quality of valuable recreational areas and managed green spaces.  
24 The House of Representatives further urges Congress to immediately conduct oversight  
25 hearings to ensure that actions by the Environmental Protection Agency are consistent  
26 with the provisions of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 and congressional intent.

27           Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
28 to the North Carolina Congressional delegation.

29           Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.