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LEGISLATIVE VETO DAY RECAP

Veto day was held Monday, March 28 with three bills being vetoed by Governor Noem. These bills included House Bill 1281, House Bill 1223, and Senate Bill 151. In South Dakota, the Legislature has the authority to override a Governor's veto with a two-thirds vote in both chambers. After consideration and debate, the three vetoed bills failed to override Governor Noem's veto. SDFB supported Governor Noem's veto on HB 1281 as this bill would have reduced the efficiency and effectiveness of State government. The bill's goal was to create more transparency and oversight for federal funds that come into South Dakota; however, the bill would not have accomplished this goal and it would have added an expense to the State, created confusion within agencies, and added redundant work to the appropriations committee. Lastly, it is important to notice that these federal funds are already earmarked by the federal government and are approved by the Legislature during the General Legislative Session.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT C

South Dakota Farm Bureau will be supporting passage of Constitutional Amendment C on the June ballot. This measure will raise the vote needed by the ballot box to raise taxes and/or fees in South Dakota. Under current state law, the Legislature has the authority to appropriate dollars and/or raise taxes with a two-thirds vote in both chambers. Voters also have the authority to implement or raise taxes by a majority vote at the ballot box. Constitutional Amendment C would perform the following:

1. Requires that any initiated measure, proposed constitutional amendment, or referred measure that imposes or increases taxes must obtain a 60% vote to be approved.
2. Requires that any initiated measure, proposed constitutional amendment, or referred measure which imposes or increases fees to obtain a 60% vote to be approved.
3. Requires that any initiated measure, proposed constitutional amendment, or referred measurement that appropriates \$10 million or more in any of the first five fiscal years must obtain a 60% vote to be approved.

Constitutional Amendment C will appear to the voters of the primary election held on June 7, 2022. If passed, the amendment would be in effect prior to the 2022 General Election. We urge you to please vote "yes" for this amendment as it protects rural interests and makes it more difficult to raise taxes.

PROPOSITION 12

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case against California's Proposition 12 filed by The American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Pork Producers Council. California's Proposition 12 seeks to ban the sale of pork from hogs that don't meet the state's arbitrary production standards, even if the pork was raised on farms outside of California. This proposition has real negative economic and social consequences as California represents approximately 15% of the U.S. pork market. According to Travis Cushman, AFBF Senior Counsel for Public Policy, the timeline includes another round of

briefings with the Supreme Court and Amicus opportunities for interested parties to file to court. Oral arguments will happen sometime in October, with a decision by either December or early 2023.

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