

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the federal government to require that imported meat be labeled to disclose its country of origin.

WHEREAS, international competition in the area of livestock production and the production of meat is intensifying, with increasing quantities of meat entering the United States for public consumption in competition with domestic livestock producers; and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry in the United States has come under severe stress in recent times, threatening the livelihood of many American cattle producers; and

WHEREAS, meat, unlike most other imported consumer products, is not labeled to disclose its country of origin, leaving U. S. consumers unable to distinguish between meat that was produced in the United States and meat that was produced abroad; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of meat labeling requirements by the individual states has proven to be a difficult task; and

WHEREAS, it is very likely that American consumers, if given the choice, would prefer to purchase American-produced meat for themselves and their families:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Congress be urged to enact requirements for the labeling of imported meat that is offered for sale to U.S. retail consumers, food service providers, and meat processors.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 12, 1997
February 24, 1997

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