

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the enforcement of laws to protect livestock producers from unfair competition.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

WHEREAS, the federal Packers and Stockyards Act was enacted to protect livestock producers from unfair competition and monopolistic practices; and

WHEREAS, all livestock producers, regardless of size, should have equal access to markets that do not discriminate against family-farm livestock producers; and

WHEREAS, an investigation by the United States General Accounting Office concluded that the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration which investigates anti-competitive behavior in the livestock industry, lacks the expertise and training to perform its duties:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the United States Department of Agriculture to enforce existing laws and establish guidelines to protect all livestock producers from unfair competition, price discrimination, and monopolistic behavior and requests Congress to increase funding to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration and to restore that agency's expertise and credibility required to administer its duties of ensuring fair competition.

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

February 12, 2001  
February 20, 2001

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