

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1019

Introduced by: Representatives Kloucek, Bartling, Burg, Elliott, Hanson (Gary), and  
Nachtigal and Senators Hutmacher, Hagen, Symens, and Volesky

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

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

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

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

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
11 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
12 Dakota Legislature urges the United States Department of Agriculture to enforce existing laws  
13 and establish guidelines to protect all livestock producers from unfair competition, price  
14 discrimination, and monopolistic behavior and requests Congress to increase funding to the Grain  
15 Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration and to restore that agency's expertise and



1 credibility required to administer its duties of ensuring fair competition.