

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the President and Congress to support Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling of agricultural products.

WHEREAS, Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for meats, fruits, vegetables, and a variety of other agricultural products was included as part of the 2002 farm bill; and

WHEREAS, COOL had the support of the vast majority of American consumers, and will be a strong economic boost for our South Dakota producers; and

WHEREAS, COOL is a safe and good sense policy considering the on-going threat of bioterrorism; and

WHEREAS, American consumers deserve to, and have a right to know where their food comes from so that they are able to make informed decisions regarding the food that they serve their families; and

WHEREAS, with the issue of BSE plaguing Canadian producers and closing American markets in Asia, COOL is the main tool that needs to be used to restore market confidence, and restore stability to the international beef market:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the President and the United States Congress support American producers and consumers by supporting COOL and immediately providing full funding for implementation of common sense rules that will finally assure that foreign and domestic customers have full knowledge of the origin of the food they eat.

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

February 05, 2005  
February 08, 2005

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Speaker of the House

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