

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Dennert, Cutler, Davis, Dykstra, Garnos, Gassman, Halverson, Hargens, Howie, Hunhoff, Rausch, Rave, Rhoden, Sigdestad, and Street and Senators Bogue, Bartling, Gray, Hundstad, Kooistra, Lintz, Nesselhuf, Peterson (Jim), and Sutton (Dan)

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

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

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

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

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

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



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