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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22  
BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
(SUCCESSOR TO LSB 2794SC)

A Resolution to request that the Legislative Council establish an interim committee to study the livestock industry in this state, including the economic impact and the future of the livestock industry in this state.

WHEREAS, the production of agricultural commodities is the foundation of this state's economy, providing food and fiber vital to the nation's welfare; and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa, one of the major agricultural states in the United States, is a leading producer of livestock and livestock products which represent a multibillion dollar industry; and

WHEREAS, the most efficient means of utilizing this state's abundant supplies of feed grains and of increasing the profitability of exporting these products remains the promotion and expansion of livestock production and processing; and

WHEREAS, the livestock industry in this state faces new challenges from competing regions and nations, which threaten the profitability of traditional family farm operations; and

WHEREAS, the livestock industry is in a period of transition requiring greater efficiencies which rely upon attracting financing, creating opportunities for new producers, improving production operations, reducing the risks associated with livestock production, and expanding markets for livestock products; NOW THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Legislative  
2 Council is requested to establish an interim committee  
3 to study the impact of the livestock industry on this  
4 state, including the economic effects of the industry  
5 and the future of the industry in this state; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislative  
7 Council is requested to appoint three members of the  
8 Senate and three members of the House of  
9 Representatives to serve on the committee; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislative  
11 Council is requested to appoint five public members to  
12 serve on the committee, whose expenses may be paid by  
13 an interested nonprofit organization, and that the  
14 five public members include one member representing  
15 the Iowa Business Council, one member representing the  
16 Iowa Cattlemen's Association, and one member  
17 representing the Iowa Pork Producers Association; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee  
19 recommend strategies to improve financing of  
20 production operations, create opportunities for new  
21 producers, improve production operations, reduce risks  
22 associated with livestock production, and expand  
23 markets for livestock products; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee  
25 present findings and recommendations from the study to  
26 the Legislative Council by December 1, 1991, or by  
27 another date set by the Legislative Council.

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