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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY KIBBIE

A Senate Concurrent Resolution to urge that the United States Congress enact and the United States Department of Agriculture implement measures necessary in order to allow the interstate sale of meat and poultry products by state-inspected establishments.

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is a leading agricultural state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the production and processing of agricultural commodities represents a key component of this nation's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, an essential part of Iowa's economy, like many other agricultural states, is the manufacture of value-added products derived from agricultural commodities, including the slaughter of livestock and poultry and the processing of meat and poultry products; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa inspects 130 very small establishments employing 12 to 15 employees where livestock and poultry are slaughtered or processed and prepared for custom or retail sale; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa inspects these establishments according to strict standards that meet or exceed federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa will inspect these very small establishments under a system or process of proactive controls, including the state "HACCP" system that includes hazard analysis, identifying critical control points, establishing critical limits for each

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1 critical control point, monitoring critical control
2 point requirements to control processes, and ensuring
3 corrective action; and

4 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and its agencies,
5 including the Department of Agriculture and Land
6 Stewardship in cooperation with commodity
7 organizations, are diligently working to ensure that
8 meat and poultry products sold for human consumption
9 are safe and wholesome; and

10 WHEREAS, these very small establishments have
11 developed a close working relationship with Iowa's
12 Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in
13 order to implement HACCP; and

14 WHEREAS, these very small establishments desire to
15 market safe and wholesome meat and poultry products to
16 consumers in other states, especially neighboring
17 states; and

18 WHEREAS, federal law currently allows meat and
19 poultry products originating from these very small
20 establishments to be sold within the state's borders;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, this system of state inspection has
23 ensured that consumers in this state purchase meat and
24 poultry products inspected according to the highest
25 standards of safety and wholesomeness; and

26 WHEREAS, the United States Department of
27 Agriculture at last is considering allowing the sale
28 of meat and poultry products originating from state-
29 inspected establishments, including the types of very
30 small establishments subject to inspection by the

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1 State of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the United States
4 Congress enact and the United States Department of
5 Agriculture implement measures necessary in order to
6 allow the interstate sale of meat and poultry products
7 by state-inspected establishments; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
9 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to
10 the United States Secretary of Agriculture; the
11 President of the Senate of the United States; the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
13 States; the chairman of the United States Senate
14 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the
15 chairman of the United States House of Representatives
16 Committee on Agriculture; and members of Iowa's
17 congressional delegation.

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