

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

2 BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

3 (SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3002)

4 A Concurrent Resolution to express support for the
5 implementation of a system which identifies and
6 traces livestock for purposes of controlling the
7 outbreak of diseases in livestock populations, to
8 ensure the wholesomeness of food products originating
9 from livestock, and to maintain consumer confidence
10 in the livestock industry.

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

15 WHEREAS, the economic viability and welfare of this
16 nation depend upon a reliable system for the
17 production and marketing of abundant and wholesome
18 food products, including meat, for consumers in this
19 nation and foreign nations; and

20 WHEREAS, the intentional or accidental introduction
21 of diseases affecting livestock populations, including
22 bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or a virus of
23 the family picornaviridae, genus aphthovirus (foot and
24 mouth disease), in this country would threaten the
25 economic viability of livestock producers and the
26 confidence of consumers in the wholesomeness of food
27 products at home and abroad; and

28 WHEREAS, livestock producers including Iowa
29 producers are independently assuming leadership by
30 actively investigating and implementing

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1 technologically advanced systems that electronically
2 identify livestock and record the health status and
3 location of livestock from premises of origin to
4 slaughter; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States Department of
6 Agriculture is in the process of considering systems
7 necessary to preserve the integrity of this nation's
8 food supply, which may include implementation of a
9 national system for identifying and tracing livestock;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, an available model for such a system is
12 the National Farm Animal Identification and Records
13 Program initiated and administered by the Holstein
14 Association USA, Inc., which identifies livestock at
15 birth with a unique identification number and premises
16 of origin, and utilizes a database to track livestock
17 from birth to slaughter, and which has been utilized
18 in almost 1,400 farms to identify approximately 1
19 million cattle during the last five years; and

20 WHEREAS, another available model has been developed
21 by the Iowa Cattlemen's Association which since 1988
22 has been actively involved in assisting the industry
23 to electronically identify and track cattle using its
24 EID system, in which approximately 500 producers
25 including feedlot operators and cow-calf producers
26 have participated and approximately 130,000 head of
27 cattle have been enrolled; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
29 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the United States
30 Congress, in cooperation with the United States

1 Department of Agriculture and in consultation with
2 organizations representing livestock producers, is
3 urged to consider strategies necessary to implement a
4 system to ensure the security of this nation's
5 livestock populations and to restore and maintain
6 consumer confidence in the wholesomeness of the food
7 supply; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this strategy
9 incorporate a system to identify livestock from a
10 premises of origin and to trace the movement of
11 livestock to any premises of destination and
12 eventually to slaughter in order to ensure that any
13 confirmed case of disease can be immediately tracked
14 through its chain of movement and so that exposed
15 animals may be quarantined and tested; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
17 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to
18 the President of the United States; the United States
19 Secretary of Agriculture; the President of the Senate
20 of the United States; the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives of the United States; the Chairperson
22 of the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture,
23 Nutrition, and Forestry; the Chairperson of the United
24 States House of Representatives Committee on
25 Agriculture; and members of Iowa's congressional
26 delegation.

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1 Amend Senate Concurrent Resolution 101 as follows:

2 1. Page 3, by inserting after line 15, the

3 following:

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5 Department of Agriculture consult and cooperate with
6 state animal health officials, including officials in
7 leading agricultural states such as Iowa, in
8 developing and implementing systems necessary to
9 preserve the integrity of this nation's food supply;

10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States
12 Congress and the United States Department of
13 Agriculture fully fund the development and
14 implementation of any such systems in order to provide
15 a degree of relief to the agricultural community,
16 including farmers and ranchers, who will share
17 responsibility for a national system for identifying
18 and tracing livestock; and".

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