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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
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1 3 A Senate Resolution to urge Congress to support the  
1 4 horse processing industry.  
1 5 WHEREAS, horse processing is the most tightly  
1 6 regulated of any animal harvest, and the only animal  
1 7 that has its transportation to processing regulated;  
1 8 and  
1 9 WHEREAS, if horse processing plants are forced to  
1 10 close, the Horse Welfare Coalition estimates the  
1 11 60,000 to 90,000 unwanted horses annually would be  
1 12 exposed to potential abandonment and neglect; and  
1 13 WHEREAS, the 60,000 to 90,000 additional unwanted  
1 14 horses each year would compete for adoption with the  
1 15 32,000 wild horses that United States taxpayers are  
1 16 already paying \$40 million to shelter and feed; and  
1 17 WHEREAS, the nation's inadequate, overburdened, and  
1 18 unregulated horse rescue and adoption facilities  
1 19 cannot handle the influx of the 60,000 or more  
1 20 additional horses each year that would result from a  
1 21 harvesting ban, according to the Congressional  
1 22 Research Service; and  
1 23 WHEREAS, the annual number of unwanted or unusable  
1 24 surplus domestic horses is estimated to be 100,000,  
1 25 increasing annually; and  
1 26 WHEREAS, federal legislation was introduced to  
1 27 amend the 1970 Horse Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. } 1821  
1 28 et seq., to prohibit shipping, transporting, moving,  
1 29 delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing,  
1 30 selling, or donating horses and other equines for  
2 1 processing and other purposes; and  
2 2 WHEREAS, the loss of secondary markets has severely  
2 3 impacted the livestock industry by eliminating the  
2 4 salvage value of horses and has significantly reduced  
2 5 the market value of all horses; and  
2 6 WHEREAS, prohibitions regarding the processing of  
2 7 horses have had significant economic impacts on the  
2 8 entire equine industry and have resulted in  
2 9 significant increases in abandoned and starving  
2 10 animals; and  
2 11 WHEREAS, state agriculture and rural leaders  
2 12 recognize the necessity and benefit of a state's  
2 13 ability to direct the transport and processing of  
2 14 horses; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the regulation  
2 16 of horse transport and processing remain with the  
2 17 states and that Congress not enact legislation that  
2 18 interferes with states' authority to regulate the  
2 19 transport or processing of horses; and  
2 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Congress support new  
2 21 horse processing facilities and the continuation of  
2 22 existing facilities on both the state and national  
2 23 levels; and  
2 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
2 25 resolution be sent to the President of the United  
2 26 States, the President of the United States Senate, the  
2 27 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
2 28 and members of the Iowa congressional delegation.  
2 29 LSB 2670XS 83  
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