

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to address concentration and consolidation in the
2 meat and grain industries so farmers and ranchers can compete fairly and profitably.

3 **WHEREAS**, the three largest meat packers, IBP, Cargill's Excel Corporation, and Con
4 Agra's Monfort, control almost 80 percent of the cattle slaughter market; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the pending merger of Cargill and Continental Grain company would result
6 in a single entity controlling over 40 percent of all United States corn exports, 33 percent of all
7 soybean exports, and at least 20 percent of all wheat exports; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the owners of numerous small to medium size farms and ranches are being
9 driven out of business by anticompetitive forces that control the markets and restrict farm
10 income; and

11 **WHEREAS**, concentration and consolidation in the meat and grain industries drives out
12 competition in smaller local markets and has far-reaching economic implications for consumers
13 as well as agricultural producers;

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
15 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

16 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
17 address concentration and consolidation in the meat and grain industries so farmers and
18 ranchers can compete fairly and profitably; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
20 resolution to the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the chairman of the House
21 Agriculture Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.