

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3009

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Department of Agriculture to maintain trade
2 restrictions on all Canadian cattle and on all edible bovine meat products derived from cattle of
3 Canadian origin until various health, safety, and economic concerns can be satisfactorily
4 addressed.

5 **WHEREAS**, on December 29, 2004, the United States Department of Agriculture
6 announced that Canada would be designated a minimal-risk region for bovine spongiform
7 encephalopathy and that trade of cattle and bovine meat products would resume as of March 7,
8 2005; and

9 **WHEREAS**, cattle producers in this country support the normalization of trade with
10 Canada but urge that the normalization be based on sound science to ensure the long-term
11 health of their cattle, the long-term viability of the cattle industry, and continued consumer
12 confidence in this country's meat supply; and

13 **WHEREAS**, trade in cattle and edible bovine meat products should not resume with
14 Canada until such trade is reestablished with Japan, South Korea, and Mexico; until verification
15 exists of Canadian compliance measures; and until sufficient scientifically based protocols are
16 established to eliminate bovine spongiform encephalopathy from international trade channels;

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

19 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Department of
20 Agriculture to maintain trade restrictions on all Canadian cattle and on all edible bovine meat
21 products derived from cattle of Canadian origin until various health, safety, and economic
22 concerns can be satisfactorily addressed; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
24 resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department
25 of Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.