

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4020

Introduced by

Senators Klein, Bowman, Urlacher

Representatives Belter, Kreidt, Pollert

1 A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States and the United States
2 Secretary of Agriculture to continue the ban on importing cattle from Canada until a full and
3 complete investigation of Canadian feeding methods and supplies can be conducted and
4 methods for determining risk designations can be reviewed and evaluated.

5 **WHEREAS**, the cattle industry in the United States is concerned about the plan to
6 reopen the border to live animal imports from Canada in March 2005; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the cattle industry in the United States is concerned about the two animals
8 that tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, including one beef cow that was
9 born after the 1997 feed ban; and

10 **WHEREAS**, recent tests of feed samples in Canada indicated the presence of animal
11 proteins; and

12 **WHEREAS**, further testing is needed to determine the extent of ruminant animal
13 byproducts in feed supplies; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the United States Secretary of Agriculture must identify the country of
15 origin, as opposed to the continent of origin, of the animals that tested positive for bovine
16 spongiform encephalopathy; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the United States Secretary of Agriculture must study the scientific
18 methods used to determine and define risk categories for countries within which bovine
19 spongiform encephalopathy is known to exist;

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

22 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States and
23 the United States Secretary of Agriculture to continue the ban on importing cattle from Canada
24 until a full and complete investigation of Canadian feeding methods and supplies can be

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- 1 conducted and methods for determining risk designations can be reviewed and evaluated, and
2 to open the border with Canada at such time as the opening of our export markets; and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
4 resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and
5 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.