

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020
(Senators Klein, Bowman, Urlacher)
(Representatives Belter, Kreidt, Pollert)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States and the United States Secretary of Agriculture to continue the ban on importing cattle from Canada until a full and complete investigation of Canadian feeding methods and supplies can be conducted and methods for determining risk designations can be reviewed and evaluated, and to open the border with Canada at such time as the opening of our export markets; and

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State