

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3009
(Representatives Nicholas, Brandenburg, Froelich, Gulleson, Herbel)
(Senator Erbele)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State