

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3010
(Representatives Froelich, Brandenburg, Kempenich, Kerzman)
(Senators Bowman, Taylor)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to implement country of origin labeling for all meat and poultry products.

WHEREAS, the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act mandated country of origin labeling at the retail level for seafood, beef, veal, pork, lamb, fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables, and peanuts; and

WHEREAS, Congress delayed implementation of significant portions of the law until 2008, largely as a result of efforts by the meat packing industry, processors, and retailers; and

WHEREAS, American meat often is sold in grocery stores and restaurants with no distinguishing labels or origin information; and

WHEREAS, American consumers consistently have supported country of origin labeling for meat originating in the United States; and

WHEREAS, country of origin labeling would allow informed consumers to exercise their preferences for American meat and would allow producers to identify proudly the result of their efforts as products of the United States; and

WHEREAS, country of origin labeling would preserve confidence in our food system by increasing the ability of consumers to identify the source of their foods and to make selections based on that identification;

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

That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to first ensure that proposed rules governing implementation of country of origin labeling adequately address cattle industry concerns and then implement mandatory country of origin labeling for all meat and poultry products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the members of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the members of the House Committee on 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 _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State