

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress not to allow the importation of Canadian cattle over
2 30 months of age.

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2003 the United States border was closed to Canadian cattle in
4 response to findings of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the cattle; and

5 **WHEREAS**, after the implementation of corrective measures, the border was reopened
6 in 2005 to Canadian cattle less than 30 months of age; and

7 **WHEREAS**, many fear that consideration is now being given to removal of the age
8 restriction on Canadian cattle; and

9 **WHEREAS**, cattle over 30 months of age which originate in a BSE-affected country
10 have an inherently higher risk of transmitting BSE; and

11 **WHEREAS**, there has been insufficient time since Canada's last case of BSE to
12 determine whether the corrective measures implemented by Canada have been successful in
13 preventing the spread of BSE; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the United States cannot afford any further reduction in its share of the
15 global beef market stemming from American products that contain beef from Canadian cattle;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the United States should not further relax its already lenient import
18 standards until it is scientifically documented that BSE is no longer a risk in Canadian cattle and
19 that there is international acceptance of that conclusion, as demonstrated by a restoration of
20 international markets for American beef and beef products;

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

23 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States not to
24 allow the importation of Canadian cattle over 30 months of age until there is scientific evidence,

- 1 coupled with a sufficient time lapse, to ensure that any corrective measures implemented to
- 2 counter the incidences of BSE in Canada have been successful; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 4 resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and to each member of the North
- 5 Dakota Congressional Delegation.