

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4019
(Senators Wanzek, Taylor)
(Representatives Brandenburg, Froelich)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to examine carefully the known and potential impacts of implementing a national animal identification system.

WHEREAS, to protect the health of United States livestock and poultry and the economic well-being of those industries, it is imperative that an animal disease be traced to its source quickly and effectively; and

WHEREAS, when a disease outbreak occurs, animal health officials need to know which animals are involved in the outbreak, where the infected animals are located, and what other animals might have been exposed to the disease; and

WHEREAS, a rapid disease response means fewer affected producers, less economic loss, greater preservation of marketability, and increases in markets at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the national animal identification system is an information system intended to help producers and animal health officials respond quickly and effectively to animal disease events in the United States; and

WHEREAS, concerns still exist regarding the effect that a national animal identification system will have on producers, whether it will impinge upon individual rights and privacy, whether it will increase production costs, and whether it will create a large government bureaucracy;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to examine carefully the known and potential impacts that implementation of a national animal identification system will have on producers of all sizes and on the livestock industry, and to encourage voluntary participation and undertake further development of the system only after assurances exist that the concerns are either without foundation or significantly outweighed by the system's benefits; 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 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 _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State