

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007
(Representatives Froelich, Kempenich, Kerzman, S. Meyer)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to require a nationwide referendum of beef producers before allowing an increase in the beef checkoff rate.

WHEREAS, the beef checkoff program, which was established as part of the Food Security Act of 1985, assesses \$1 per head on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, in addition to a comparable assessment on imported beef and beef products; and

WHEREAS, the assessment became mandatory when the program was approved by 79 percent of producers in a 1988 national referendum; and

WHEREAS, the beef checkoff program is designed to build demand for beef and veal in both domestic and foreign markets through research, promotion, and the dissemination of both consumer and industry information; and

WHEREAS, a recent review of the beef checkoff program by an industrywide task force resulted in a recommendation that the continuation of strong demand-building initiatives requires an increase in the checkoff rate to \$2, an opportunity to petition for a referendum, and making the checkoff more inclusive;

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 ensure that if the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 is amended, thereby permitting an increase in the beef checkoff rate, the increase be predicated upon a successful nationwide referendum of beef producers; 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.

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