

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033
(Representatives Froelich, S. Meyer)

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, cattle over 30 months of age which originate in a BSE-affected country have an inherently higher risk of having been infected with BSE; and

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

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

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

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 not to allow the importation of Canadian cattle over 30 months of age until there is scientific evidence, coupled with a sufficient time lapse, to ensure that any corrective measures implemented to counter the incidences of BSE in Canada have been successful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary 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