

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4021
(Senators Miller, Wanzek, Klein)
(Representatives Brandenburg, D. Johnson, S. Meyer)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize the need for United States Department of Agriculture inspection and regulation of horse processing facilities in the United States.

WHEREAS, the loss of governmentally regulated processing facilities in the United States has challenged the ability of public and private sector entities to deal with unwanted horses; and

WHEREAS, without economically affordable alternatives, individuals are simply abandoning unwanted horses at sale barns, along country roads, and on public lands; and

WHEREAS, the abandonment of horses is done without any regard for the horses' welfare and without regard for damage or injury that can be caused by a freeroaming horse on a road or highway; and

WHEREAS, the abandonment of horses on public lands may negatively impact herds of wild horses including the introduction of congenital defects and diseases; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 100,000 horses are unwanted by their owners;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges Congress to recognize the need for United States Department of Agriculture inspection and regulation of horse processing facilities in the United States and to allow the transportation and processing of horses and the marketing and exportation of safe and wholesome horse meat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, 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