

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments****ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4021**

Introduced by

Senators Miller, Wanzek, Klein

Representatives Brandenburg, D. Johnson, S. Meyer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
22 resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the
23 President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States
24 Congress, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, and to each
25 member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.