

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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 regulated horse processing
2 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 regarding 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**, it is estimated that more than 100,000 horses are unwanted by their
12 owners;

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

15 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges Congress to recognize the need for
16 regulated horse processing facilities in the United States and to allow the transportation and
17 processing of horses and the marketing and exportation of safe and wholesome horse meat;
18 and

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