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1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 105

March 2, 2000 - Introduced by Representatives Grothman, Freese, Goetsch, Kreuser, Musser, Owens, Spillner and Sykora, cosponsored by Senator Schultz. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: urging Congress to enact legislation requiring mandatory inspection 1 2 of ratites under the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act. 3 Whereas, currently, under the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act, poultry 4 products from animals such as chickens and turkeys are required to be federally 5 inspected in order to be sold in interstate commerce; and 6 Whereas, under current federal law, ratites (ostriches, emus and rheas) are 7 excluded from mandatory inspection, but a ratite producer may obtain voluntary 8 inspection, the cost of which must be paid by the producer; and 9 Whereas, the cost of voluntary inspection results in higher prices for ratite 10 meat; and Whereas, ratite meat is low in fat and high in protein; and 11 12 Whereas, most ratite producers are small, family-owned operations; and 13 Whereas, legislation has been introduced in Congress to cover ratites raised for 14 human consumption under the Poultry Products Inspection Act, eliminating the 15 costly inspection fees that other meat producers are not required to pay; and

1	Whereas, this legislation, H.R. 765 and S. 1133, is an important step in enabling
2	the ratite industry to grow; and
3	Whereas, the American Farm Bureau supports H.R. 765 and S. 1133 as leveling
4	the playing field for the ratite industry; now, therefore, be it
5	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
6	Wisconsin legislature urge Congress to pass H.R. 765 and S. 1133; and, be it further
7	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
8	resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.
9	(END)