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1 **Relating to:** urging the U.S. secretary of agriculture to immediately change the
2 federal milk pricing system.

3 Whereas, for many years the federal milk pricing system has set lower prices
4 for milk produced in Wisconsin and other midwestern states than for milk produced
5 in other parts of the country by using Eau Claire as the base point for setting milk
6 price differentials; and

7 Whereas, the result of the federal milk pricing system has been to boost milk
8 prices artificially in southern and southwestern states, causing rampant growth in
9 dairy farming in those areas; and

10 Whereas, a federal district court has found that using Eau Claire as the base
11 point for setting milk price differentials is arbitrary and capricious and unlawful;
12 and

13 Whereas, the number of cows in this state is down by almost 100,000 compared
14 to 1996, demonstrating that Wisconsin dairy farmers cannot wait longer for fairness
15 in the federal milk pricing system; now, therefore, be it

