



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

May 3, 1995 - Introduced by Senators MOEN, BURKE, BRESKE and CLAUSING, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, JOHNSRUD, KREIBICH, ZUKOWSKI, RYBA, F. LASEE, GRONEMUS, HAHN, ALBERS, HASENOHRL, OTT, SILBAUGH and GROTHMAN. Referred to Special committee on State and Federal Relations.

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to allow interstate marketing of
2 state-inspected meat.

3 Whereas, the Federal Wholesale Meat Act of 1967 allows states to have state
4 meat inspection programs which are required to meet or exceed federal inspection
5 standards of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for wholesomeness, cleanliness and
6 food safety; and

7 Whereas, 27 states, including Wisconsin, have elected to operate equivalent
8 meat inspection programs which allow state-licensed and state-inspected meat
9 processing facilities to engage in intrastate commerce; and

10 Whereas, state-inspected meat and poultry products are currently barred from
11 interstate commerce under federal law, including neighboring local markets in other
12 states, despite current meat safety and quality assurances, affecting long-range
13 rural development and economic growth strategies within the meat processing
14 industry; and

15 Whereas, current policy of the National Association of State Departments of
16 Agriculture supports the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat products
17 through reciprocal agreements with other states; now, therefore, be it

1 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the
2 Wisconsin legislature memorialize Congress to enact revisions to the Federal Meat
3 Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow states to enter into
4 reciprocal agreements to permit the interstate shipment and marketing of meat
5 products within states that are party to those agreements, if the meat products meet
6 state and federal quality standards; and, be it further

7 **Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
8 resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation, to the U.S. House
9 and Senate Committees on Agriculture and to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

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