

## **1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81**

November 13, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives Sykora, Ott, Zukowski, Skindrud, Harsdorf, Gronemus, Otte, Hahn, Ward, Goetsch, Owens, Albers,
BRANDEMUEHL, GROTHMAN, JENSEN, GUNDERSON, JOHNSRUD, KREIBICH,
HUEBSCH, BLACK, R. YOUNG, GREEN, FREESE, GARD, WALKER, HEBL, DOBYNS,
TURNER, VRAKAS, HOVEN, PLOUFF, LADWIG, URBAN, HASENOHRL, F. LASEE and
LORGE, cosponsored by Senators ZIEN, CLAUSING, SCHULTZ, WELCH, RUDE,
JAUCH, WINEKE, A. LASEE, DRZEWIECKI, DECKER, FITZGERALD, GROBSCHMIDT,
FARROW and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That* the members of the
Wisconsin legislature urge U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to respond
to the federal district court decision invalidating the current federal milk pricing
system by immediately ceasing to use Eau Claire as the base point for setting milk
price differentials; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
resolution to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Glickman, to the President of the United
States and to each member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

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