

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 13

January 21, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives BRANDEMUEHL and OTT.
Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to investigate the crisis in the pork industry.

2 Whereas, the United States is currently suffering from a national hog market
3 crisis; and

4 Whereas, over the last year and a half, 3 major pork-packing facilities in the
5 upper Midwest have closed their doors, resulting in reduced slaughter activity of
6 United States hogs and decreased marketing opportunities for Wisconsin's hog
7 industry and for hog market options overall; and

8 Whereas, the current exchange rate between Canada and the United States is
9 proving to be detrimental to the American pork producer, thereby drawing more
10 Canadian hogs to United States slaughter floors; and

11 Whereas, serious questions have been raised in the meat-processing industry
12 concerning packing, processing and marketing capacities; and

13 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin's 3,300-member hog industry is currently in
14 a financial crisis, with hog prices falling to \$10 or less per hundredweight, compared
15 to \$42 to \$43 per hundredweight last year; and

