

State of Wisconsin



1999 Assembly Joint Resolution 36

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: urging U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman to act quickly in distributing to farmers \$200 million in aid.

Whereas, Wisconsin's agricultural heritage is based on family farms, and in honor of the hard work and contributions made to our economy by Wisconsin dairy farm families we proudly refer to our state as "America's Dairyland"; and

Whereas, Wisconsin's dairy industry impacts over 133,000 workers throughout the state, with a gross economic impact of over \$4.9 billion to our state's economy; and

Whereas, the monthly fluctuations and unpredictability of the market have made it difficult for family dairy farms to remain viable businesses, and in 1998 alone Wisconsin lost 1,200 dairy farms; and

Whereas, recently farmers enjoyed higher prices for their products; however, actions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture have led to the dairy price drop of \$6 per hundred weight, which has again increased financial pressures on our dairy farmers; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been unwilling to change its milk pricing system based on how far from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the farm is located; and

Whereas, a lawsuit initiated in Minnesota had this current pricing system thrown out; and

Whereas, the failure by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to implement a fair pricing policy for the upper Midwest, while at the same time allowing for the Northeast Dairy Compact, which allows the New England states to price their milk higher to the disadvantage of the upper Midwest, has hurt Wisconsin dairy farmers; and

Whereas, the Dairy Income Loss Assistance Program will provide some help to dairy farmers, with assistance calculated on not more than production of 150 head of cattle per farm operation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature urges U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman to act quickly in distributing to farmers \$200 million in aid through the Dairy Income Loss Assistance Program, fully utilize his authority to hasten and increase purchases of dairy products for federal nutrition programs, and use his full authority to increase dairy exports under the Dairy Export Incentive Program; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall send copies of this joint resolution to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Glickman and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state.

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Charles R. Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk

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03-18.	A.	Introduced by Representatives Lassa, Ott, Hasenohrl, Gronemus, Sykora, Musser, Turner, Young, Ainsworth, Bock, Krug, Reynolds, Kedzie, Brandemuehl, Porter, Sherman, Balow, Albers, Suder and Klusman ; cosponsored by Senators Baumgart, Breske, Panzer, Wirch and A. Lasee .	
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March 18, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives LASSA, OTT, HASENOHRL, GRONEMUS, SYKORA, MUSSER, TURNER, YOUNG, AINSWORTH, BOCK, KRUG, REYNOLDS, KEDZIE, BRANDEMUEHL, PORTER, SHERMAN, BALOW, ALBERS, SUDER and KLUSMAN, cosponsored by Senators BAUMGART, BRESKE, PANZER, WIRCH and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 36**

March 18, 1999 – Offered by Representatives FREESE, LASSA and WARD.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the joint resolution as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 12: delete “during the past month dairy prices have fallen
3 sharply by” and substitute “actions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture have led
4 to the dairy price drop of”.

5 **2.** Page 1, line 13: after that line insert:

6 “Whereas, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been unwilling to change its
7 milk pricing system based on how far from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the farm is located;
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