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Tradewell, Becky

From: Reineking, Carol
Sent: Monday, September 20, 1999 9:46 AM
To: Tradewell, Becky
Subject: Ag Resolution

Becky-

Here is a draft of Marty's resolution relating to the national milk marketing system.

Can we rush this and get it back by tomorrow morning, before session? We would like to have it available to take up tomorrow.

Please give me a call!!

Carol Reineking
Rep. Reynolds' staff
266-7506



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Assembly Joint Resolution

Relating to: reform of the federal milk marketing system.

Whereas, the Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) was originally authorized in the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 in the midst of the Depression to encourage the availability of milk throughout the nation; and

Whereas, advancements in refrigeration and transportation have made the need for regional production obsolete; and

Whereas, a price system for fluid milk which uses for its basis a farm's distance from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, is, as we enter the 21st century, both irrelevant to the market value of the product and creates nationwide market inequities; and

Whereas, in 1996, the United State Congress mandated the USDA, as part of the federal farm bill, to reform the Federal milk marketing order program by consolidating the number of Federal orders, as well as authorizing the Secretary to make other reforms to the FMMO; and

Whereas, the reformed FMMO reduces the number of Federal orders from the current 31 orders into 11, and makes several other important reforms, including the minimum pricing of Class I (drinking) milk; and

Whereas, the milk marketing orders are voluntarily initiated and must be approved by two-thirds of the producers affected by the order; and

Whereas, an overwhelming majority of dairy producers nationwide have approved this FMMO in a nationwide referendum, with each district bringing in approval votes of over 90% and the Upper Midwest (which includes Wisconsin) approving the changes by 96.1%; and

Whereas, as mandated by Congress, the FMMO is being restructured to move the dairy industry closer to a market-oriented economy, yet continues to include economic safeguards to provide for orderly market conditions; and

Whereas, in order for Wisconsin dairy farmers to continue to operate successfully, they need to be able to compete with dairy farmers nationwide on a level playing field, towards which this reform is a healthy first step; and

Whereas, due, in part, to these market inequities, Wisconsin has gone from having 34,000 dairy farms in 1990 to only 23,000 dairy farms in 1998; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, that the members of the Wisconsin legislature urge Congress to resist attempts to destroy this vitally necessary nationwide reform of the Federal Milk Marketing System; and be it further

Resolved, that we ask Wisconsin's entire Congressional delegation to continue their hard work to see that legislation, such as H.R. 1402, is not adopted and the long needed reform of the FMMO is allowed to be instituted on October 1, 1999; and be it further

Resolved, that the members of the Wisconsin legislature urge President Clinton to continue his administration's commitment to this nationwide FMMO reform and, if necessary, that he veto any legislation adopted by Congress to halt that reform; and be it further

Resolved, that the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of the joint resolution to the President of the United States, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Glickman, Representative Denny Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Representative Dick Armey, House Majority Leader, Representative Richard Gephardt, House Minority Leader, Senator Trent Lott, Senate Majority Leader, Senator Thomas Daschle, Senate Minority Leader and each member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

LRB-3634/1

RET: jlg

Today (9/20)

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**SUBMITTAL
FORM**

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 09/20/1999

To: Representative Reynolds

Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-3634

Topic

Reform of federal milk pricing system

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1. JACKET the draft for introduction

Rep. Marty Reynolds

in the Senate ___ or the Assembly (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

Reynolds

2. REDRAFT. See the changes indicated or attached _____.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW, prior to introduction _____.

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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