

1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and
2 the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow for the interstate
3 shipment of state-inspected meat.

4 Whereas, currently, federal law prohibits cattle, sheep, swine, goat, chicken,
5 turkey, duck, goose and guinea fowl products that are inspected under state meat
6 inspection programs from being shipped across state lines, while federal law allows
7 state-inspected ostrich, venison, buffalo and pheasant to be shipped across state
8 lines; and

9 Whereas, foreign meat products may be shipped freely among the states; and

10 Whereas, Wisconsin has 300 state-inspected plants, none of which is allowed
11 to market products in interstate commerce due to an outdated federal law; and

12 Whereas, Wisconsin and the United States are currently suffering from a hog
13 market crisis, including a closure of packing facilities and a reduction in slaughter
14 activity, due in part to these outdated interstate restrictions; and

