

State of Wisconsin



1999 Senate Joint Resolution 13

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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Wisconsin has 300 state-inspected plants, none of which is allowed to market products in interstate commerce due to an outdated federal law; and

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market crisis, including a closure of packing facilities and a reduction in slaughter activity, due in part to these outdated interstate restrictions; and

Whereas, the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act are restricting the opportunity for these small plants to expand their markets across state lines, provide additional slaughter capacity for pork producers and increase the demand for their products; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request Congress to address problems in the meat-processing industry concerning packing, processing and marketing capacities; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request Congress to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow for interstate shipment of all state-inspected meats; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives from Wisconsin.

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

Donald J. Schneider
Senate Chief Clerk

1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

April 14, 1999 - Introduced by Senators SCHULTZ, SHIBILSKI, FITZGERALD, WELCH, PANZER, DRZEWIECKI, RUDE, FARROW, DARLING, GEORGE, ZIEN, BRESKE and CLAUSING, cosponsored by Representatives KESTELL, OTT, KLUSMAN, JOHNSRUD, MUSSER, BRANDEMUEHL, GRONEMUS, FREESE, J. LEHMAN, GOETSCH, PETTIS, AINSWORTH, MILLER, PLOUFF, SERATTI, KREIBICH, OWENS, SYKORA, SPILLNER, HAHN, GUNDERSON, ALBERS, HUEBSCH, PETROWSKI, SKINDRUD, LASSA and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to amend 21 USC 661 (a) to allow for the
2 interstate shipment of state-inspected meat.

3 Whereas, currently, federal law prohibits ~~beef, pork and poultry~~ products that
4 are inspected under state meat inspection programs from being shipped across state
5 lines, while federal law allows state-inspected ostrich, venison, buffalo and
6 pheasant to be shipped across state lines; and

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

8 Whereas, Wisconsin has ~~100 small state-inspected slaughtering~~
9 ~~establishments,~~ none of which is allowed to market products in interstate commerce
10 due to an outdated federal law; and

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

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Whereas, ~~21 USC 661(a)~~ restricting the opportunity for these small plants to expand their markets across state lines, provide additional slaughter capacity for pork producers and increase the demand for their products; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request Congress to address problems in the meat-processing industry concerning packing, processing and marketing capacities; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request Congress to amend ~~21 USC 661(a)~~ to allow for interstate shipment of all state-inspected meats; and, be it further

2-8 (SAL)

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives from Wisconsin.

(END)

**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13**

May 25, 1999 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

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

2 **1.** Page 1, line 1: delete "21 USC 661 (a)" and substitute "the Federal Meat
1-3 Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act".

4 **2.** Page 1, line 3: delete "beef, pork and poultry" and substitute "cattle, sheep,
1-3 5 swine, goat, chicken, turkey, duck, goose and guinea fowl".

6 **3.** Page 1, line 8: delete the material beginning with "100" and ending with
7 "establishments," on line 9 and substitute "300 state-inspected plants".
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8 **4.** Page 2, line 1: delete "21 USC 661 (a), is" and substitute "the Federal Meat
2-9 Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act are".

10 **5.** Page 2, line 8: delete "21 USC 661 (a)" and substitute "the Federal Meat
11 Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act".

12 (END)

BILL HISTORY FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13 (LRB -2594)

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- 04-14. S. Introduced by Senators Schultz, Shibilski, Fitzgerald, Welch, Panzer, Drzewiecki, Rude, Farrow, Darling, George, Zien, Breske and Clausing; cosponsored by Representatives Kestell, Ott, Klusman, Johnsrud, Musser, Brandemuehl, Gronemus, Freese, J. Lehman, Goetsch, Pettis, Ainsworth, Miller, Plouff, Seratti, Kreibich, Owens, Sykora, Spillner, Hahn, Gunderson, Albers, Huebsch, Petrowski, Skindrud, Lassa and Grothman.
- 04-14. S. Read and referred to committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform 121
- 05-12. S. Public hearing held.
- 05-19. S. Executive action taken.
- 05-25. S. Report introduction and adoption of Senate amendment 1 recommended by committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform, Ayes 5, Noes 0 (LRB a0341) 159
- 05-25. S. Report adoption as amended recommended by committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform, Ayes 5, Noes 0 159
- 05-25. S. Available for scheduling.
- 06-15. S. Senate amendment 1 adopted a 0341/179
- 06-15. S. Adopted 179
- 06-15. S. Ordered immediately messaged 179
- 06-22. A. Received from Senate 232
- 06-22. A. Read and referred to committee on Rules 232

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- 03-15. A. Placed on calendar 3-21-2000 by committee on Rules.
- 03-21. A. Concurred in 783
- 03-21. A. Ordered immediately messaged 783
- 03-23. S. Received from Assembly concurred in 519