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.
- **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to amend 21 USC 661 (a) to allow for the 1 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slaughtering 9 establishments, none of which is allowed to market products in interstate commerce 10 due to an outdated federal law; and 11 Whereas, Wisconsin and the United States are currently suffering from a hog 12 market crisis, including a closure of packing facilities and a reduction in slaughter 13 activity, due in part to these outdated interstate restrictions; and

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1	Whereas, 21 USC 661 (a), is restricting the opportunity for these small plants
2	to expand their markets across state lines, provide additional slaughter capacity for
3	pork producers and increase the demand for their products; now, therefore, be it
4	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
5	Wisconsin legislature request Congress to address problems in the meat–processing
6	industry concerning packing, processing and marketing capacities; and, be it further
7	Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request Congress to
8	amend 21 USC 661 (a) to allow for interstate shipment of all state-inspected meats;
9	and, be it further
10	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
11	resolution to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
12	Representatives of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives
13	from Wisconsin.
14	(END)