

1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

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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10 due to an outdated federal law; and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13 activity, due in part to these outdated interstate restrictions; and

