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November 12, 1997 – Introduced by Senators Zien, Clausing, Schultz, Wineke, A. Lasee, Drzewiecki, Decker, Fitzgerald, Welch, Jauch, Grobschmidt, Rude, Farrow and Cowles, cosponsored by Representatives Sykora, Ott, Zukowski, R. Young, Black, Johnsrud, Huebsch, Kreibich, Hebl, Skindrud, Freese, Gard, Plouff, Hoven, Jensen, Harsdorf, Ladwig, Urban, Hasenohrl, Lorge, Gronemus, F. Lasee, Walker, Otte, Goetsch, Hahn, Gunderson, Brandemuehl, Albers, Grothman, Dobyns, Ward, Owens, Green, Turner, Vrakas, Dueholm, Hutchison, Porter, Bock and Baldwin. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

Relating to: urging the U.S. secretary of agriculture to immediately change the 1 $\mathbf{2}$ federal milk pricing system. 3 Whereas, for many years the federal milk pricing system has set lower prices 4 for milk produced in Wisconsin and other midwestern states than for milk produced 5 in other parts of the country by using Eau Claire as the base point for setting milk 6 price differentials; and 7 Whereas, the result of the federal milk pricing system has been to boost milk 8 prices artificially in southern and southwestern states, causing rampant growth in 9 dairy farming in those areas; and Whereas, a federal district court has found that using Eau Claire as the base 10 11 point for setting milk price differentials is arbitrary and capricious and unlawful; 12 and 13 Whereas, the number of cows in this state is down by almost 100,000 compared

to 1996, demonstrating that Wisconsin dairy farmers cannot wait longer for fairness

in the federal milk pricing system; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature urge U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to respond to the federal district court decision invalidating the current federal milk pricing system by immediately ceasing to use Eau Claire as the base point for setting milk price differentials; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Glickman, to the President of the United States and to each member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

9 (END)