



State of Wisconsin
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1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 36

March 18, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives LASSA, OTT, HASENOHRL, GRONEMUS, SYKORA, MUSSER, TURNER, YOUNG, AINSWORTH, BOCK, KRUG, REYNOLDS, KEDZIE, BRANDEMUEHL, PORTER, SHERMAN, BALOW, ALBERS, SUDER and KLUSMAN, cosponsored by Senators BAUMGART, BRESKE, PANZER, WIRCH and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** urging U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman to act quickly in
2 distributing to farmers \$200 million in aid.

3 Whereas, Wisconsin's agricultural heritage is based on family farms, and in
4 honor of the hard work and contributions made to our economy by Wisconsin dairy
5 farm families we proudly refer to our state as "America's Dairyland"; and

6 Whereas, Wisconsin's dairy industry impacts over 133,000 workers throughout
7 the state, with a gross economic impact of over \$4.9 billion to our state's economy; and

8 Whereas, the monthly fluctuations and unpredictability of the market have
9 made it difficult for family dairy farms to remain viable businesses, and in 1998 alone
10 Wisconsin lost 1,200 dairy farms; and

11 Whereas, recently farmers enjoyed higher prices for their products; however,
12 during the past month dairy prices have fallen sharply by \$6 per hundred weight,
13 which has again increased financial pressures on our dairy farmers; and

1 Whereas, the Dairy Income Loss Assistance Program will provide some help to
2 dairy farmers, with assistance calculated on not more than production of 150 head
3 of cattle per farm operation; now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
5 legislature urges U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman to act quickly in
6 distributing to farmers \$200 million in aid through the Dairy Income Loss Assistance
7 Program, fully utilize his authority to hasten and increase purchases of dairy
8 products for federal nutrition programs, and use his full authority to increase dairy
9 exports under the Dairy Export Incentive Program; and, be it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall send copies of this joint
11 resolution to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Glickman and to each member of the
12 congressional delegation from this state.

13 (END)