

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1619

By Committee on Ways and Means

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to enact legislation mandating country of origin labeling for meat and requiring certain import standards on foreign meat products.

WHEREAS, The American rancher and farmer face the most stringent environmental regulations in the world, and apply federal Food and Drug Administration approved pesticides, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals to further ensure the safety of American-produced and raised live animals, meat, dairy and related products; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the world's food supply has faced new threats in the form of food-borne illnesses and illness-causing organisms such as Salmonella, E. coli bacteria, and Listeria monocytogenes, and including the emergence of antibiotic-resistant organisms associated with the contamination of the food supply; and

WHEREAS, The American livestock producer follows strict withdrawal periods and techniques for administering federal Food and Drug Administration-approved pesticides, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals before allowing livestock to be marketed and processed for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, Because imported live animals, meat, dairy and related products do not follow the same stringent environmental requirements, and foreign producers have the availability of pesticides, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals which are illegal for use in the United States, and foreign producers are not restricted on withdrawal periods nor administration techniques for pesticides, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals, it is reasoned that the importation of animals and animal products can be a threat to the safety and reliability of America's food supply; and

WHEREAS, A country of origin labeling system that embraces traceability and accountability will help ensure the safe consumption of meat products in America; and

WHEREAS, The taxpaying public of the United States has made an enormous investment in food safety and has the right to know where food is produced: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein:* That we urge the United States Con-

1 gress to enact legislation that mandates country of origin labeling for  
2 meat, and requires that products labeled as “U.S. Produced” be born,  
3 raised and processed completely in the United States; and

4 *Be it further resolved:* That any meat products imported into the  
5 United States meet all the same standards as those required on American-  
6 produced meat products; and

7 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate send an en-  
8 rolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate,  
9 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each  
10 member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

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