

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6034

By Representative Shriver

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9 A RESOLUTION requesting the United States Department of Agricul-  
10 ture to take certain actions to assist in opening foreign markets to trade  
11 following the finding of bovine spongiform encephalitis (BSE) in Ca-  
12 nadian cattle brought into the United States.

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14 WHEREAS, An incidence of BSE has been discovered in an American  
15 cattle herd causing certain export markets to cease buying American beef;  
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17 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal  
18 and Plant Health Inspection Service is the only authorized source for  
19 testing for BSE and is resisting 100% testing as an unnecessary expense  
20 that does not make our beef safer; and

21 WHEREAS, Creekstone Farms, a Kansas meatpacker which exports  
22 about 25% of its beef products, desires to test its beef for BSE, including  
23 a rapid test which provides results in 24 to 36 hours. The Department of  
24 Agriculture has indicated it could take a year before testing could begin:  
25 Now, therefore,

26 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kan-*  
27 *sas:* That the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA): (a) Is  
28 requested to recognize a reliable, rapid BSE test used in foreign markets  
29 such as Japan and many European nations; (b) use the rapid BSE test as  
30 a first detection for companies wanting to answer customer demands and  
31 to open foreign markets; (c) support United States Representative Todd  
32 Tiahart in his efforts to help Creekstone Premium Beef of Arkansas City,  
33 Kansas, house a laboratory to provide testing of BSE at the Arkansas City  
34 facility; and

35 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-  
36 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States  
37 Department of Agriculture and to each member of the Kansas legislative  
38 delegation.