

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1094

By: Begley, Benson, Bonny,
Glover, Maddux, O'Neal,
Pope (Clay) and Reese of
the House

and

Williams (Don) of the
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution requesting the United States Department of Agriculture to authorize haying and grazing of certain federal conservation reserved lands; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, over the past few months, spurred by high winds and severe drought conditions, there have been numerous grass and timber fires throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, these grass and timber fires have burned hundreds of thousands of acres of crop and pasture lands in addition to the tragic loss of homes and other structures; and

WHEREAS, often the raging and consuming timber and grass fires have been exacerbated by unpastured and idle lands owned by the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, grazed and hayed lands lessen the availability of fire-consumable material and ultimately have the impact of lessening and reducing the strength and area of a fire; and

WHEREAS, these factors justify an immediate response from the United States Department of Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the U.S. Department of Agriculture to authorize, without penalty, the haying and grazing of lands in the Conservation Reserve Program.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the U.S. Department of Agriculture to immediately authorize haying and grazing of land in the Acres Conservation Reserve (ACR) and Conservation Uses (CU) for pay programs as soon as is possible.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of this state, to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of April, 1996.

of Speaker of the House
Representative
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Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

Senate President of the