

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1004

By: Frame and Leist of the
House

and

Shurden of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to amend certain Acts to permit the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat and poultry products; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, small and mid-size processing companies process meat and poultry products under state inspection standards that must meet or exceed federal inspection standards; and

WHEREAS, the meat inspection program in the State of Oklahoma has set a benchmark for other state-inspected programs across the United States; and

WHEREAS, state-inspected meat processing companies are prohibited by federal law from selling their products across state lines while international processors and federally-inspected processors are allowed to ship their products anywhere in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the ban on interstate shipment of state-inspected meat and poultry has a negative impact on small and mid-size meat and poultry processors with approximately four hundred of these processors in the United States having gone out of business in the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the unfair restrictions on state-inspected meat and poultry processors could stimulate the creation of many jobs, mostly in small rural communities; and

WHEREAS, a U.S. House Agriculture subcommittee held a hearing in June of 1996 to receive testimony regarding the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat and poultry; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Farm Bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a report to Congress that includes recommendations concerning the steps necessary to achieve interstate shipment of meat and poultry products inspected under state inspection programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature memorializes the Congress of the United States to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act of 1967 and the Poultry Products Inspection Act of 1968 to permit interstate shipment of state-inspected meat and poultry.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be sent to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate, and the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 10th day of March,
1997.

of Speaker of the House
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Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 1997.

Senate President of the