STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1066

By: Boyd (Laura) of the House

and

Rozell of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to enact laws to protect contract swine and poultry growers from certain practices; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, swine and poultry are produced in the State of Oklahoma and in the United States by many individual growers through swine and poultry contracts with integrators; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the swine and poultry produced by these growers moves through channels of both interstate and foreign commerce; and

WHEREAS, the efficient production and marketing of swine and poultry is of vital concern to the welfare of growers and to the economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, even though the federal Unfair Trade Practices Affecting Producers of Agricultural Products Act creates the right of poultry and swine growers to form growers associations, further laws protecting this right of growers who form and join these associations are needed; and

WHEREAS, interference with this right is in conflict with the public interest and adversely affects the free and orderly flow of the products in both interstate and foreign commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the citizens of this state and to the nation to protect the vitality of contract swine and poultry growers who need assistance and protection in order to maintain their businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is a nationwide concern that contract growers of swine and poultry should be protected from potential hardships that may be caused by unfair or unequal bargaining powers through swine and poultry contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact federal laws and regulations to ensure that contract swine and poultry growers are given freedom to form cooperative associations and organizations, and that protection is given to those growers who join growers associations from the hardships caused by unfair, deceptive, and unethical bargaining and trade practices.

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

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