

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

By: Pope (Clay)

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to enact legislation requiring mandatory price reporting; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, United States Department of Agriculture data shows that during 1997 the four largest U.S. packers slaughtered eighty percent of all steers and heifers slaughtered; and

WHEREAS, the four largest packers process fifty-seven percent of all hogs; and

WHEREAS, contracts and formula cattle make up over fifty percent of finished fat cattle; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture reports that an estimated thirty percent of live cattle sold annually are considered captive supply and the price paid for those animals is not reported in the daily live cattle trade; and

WHEREAS, incomplete price information for boxed beef and the absence of accurate, timely information about beef exports have long been recognized as information deficiencies throughout the beef industry; and

WHEREAS, beef and pork producers feel the time has come to require real transparency in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, mandatory price reporting would go a long way toward leveling the playing field for family farmers, especially beef and pork producers, and help keep them in the business of raising livestock.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the United
States Congress to enact legislation that requires packers to report
all prices given and received for livestock.

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 U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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