

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1067

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1067 - By: DEWITT AND ARMES of the House and JUSTICE of the Senate.

A Concurrent Resolution urging Congress to protect and support the Capper-Volstead Act and other related federal statutes; and directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, the ability of farmers and ranchers in the United States to join together
2 in cooperative efforts is vital to their continued economic viability; and

3 WHEREAS, the Capper-Volstead Act and other federal statutes have long
4 recognized the importance of protecting and strengthening the ability of farmers and
5 ranchers to join together in cooperative enterprises, including cooperatively marketing
6 their products, serving as bargaining agents, ensuring access to competitive markets
7 worldwide, helping agricultural producer members engage in value-added processing and
8 helping achieve other meaningful public policy goals; and

9 WHEREAS, farmer- and rancher-owned cooperatives play a significant role in
10 helping farmers and ranchers improve their operational success through increasing
11 income from the marketplace, managing risk, meeting credit and input needs and
12 competing more effectively in a rapidly changing global economy; and

1 WHEREAS, farmer- and rancher-owned cooperatives also play an important role in
2 providing consumers in the United States and abroad with a dependable supply of safe,
3 affordable, high-quality food, fiber, and related products; and

4 WHEREAS, in addition, farmer- and rancher-owned cooperatives help meet the
5 energy needs of the United States through the production and marketing of renewable
6 fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel; and

7 WHEREAS, there are nearly 3,000 farmer- and rancher-owned cooperatives located
8 throughout the United States with a combined membership representing a majority of
9 the nearly 2 million farmers and ranchers in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, the benefits of farmer owned cooperatives go well beyond the farm gate,
11 directly supporting rural America by providing over 250,000 jobs, with a total payroll in
12 excess of \$8 billion. Total profits for farmer cooperatives in 2008 were \$4.2 billion, with
13 this money either returning to farmer members or being reinvested into the cooperative
14 which benefits the cooperative members and further bolsters local communities.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA
17 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

18 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges Congress to continue to protect and support
19 the Capper-Volstead Act and other related federal statutes in order to ensure the ability
20 of farmers and ranchers to join together in cooperative efforts to:

- 1 1. [http://www.govtrack.us/embed/sample-billtext.xpd?bill=sc109-](http://www.govtrack.us/embed/sample-billtext.xpd?bill=sc109-119&version=rfh&nid=http://www.govtrack.us/congress/?bill=sc109-119&version=rfh&nid=)
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3 [119&version=rfh&nid=](http://www.govtrack.us/congress/?bill=sc109-119&version=rfh&nid=)Improve their income from the marketplace;
4 2. Capitalize on new market opportunities;
5 3. Help meet the food and fiber needs of consumers;
6 4. Provide for increased energy production;
7 5. Promote rural development;
8 6. Maintain and create needed jobs; and
9 7. Contribute to a growing United States economy.
10 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the National Council of Farmer
11 Cooperatives, the Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council, the President of the
12 United States Barack Obama, the United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack,
13 and the members of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation.
14 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.