

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 3

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution stating that Black Vultures have caused depredation in the cattle industry; stating Black Vultures are protected species; describing an insufficient process to address the depredation; urging the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to ease restrictions and limitations; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Black Vultures (*Coragyps atratus*) have caused proven and documented depredation in the cattle industry specifically preying on newborn calves; and

WHEREAS, Black Vultures are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); and

WHEREAS, A Take Permit is available to producers through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture; however, the permit process is not sufficient to address needs in specific areas where depredation has increased.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the Animal and Plant
5 Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of
6 Agriculture to ease the restrictions and limitations of the process
7 for the Take Permit and to increase the number of birds allowed
8 under the Take Permit specific to areas where birds are preying upon
9 calves.

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to all Oklahoma
11 Congressional offices, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service
12 (USFWS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and
13 to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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