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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION urging the New Hampshire congressional delegation to sponsor legislation relative to, and urging the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to adopt regulations, allowing for small scale slaughter plants to use the Federal Meat Inspection Act's Custom Exempt meat processing inspection criteria with a third-party inspector present at slaughter, so that processed beef, pork, lamb, and chevron (goat meat) can be sold as individual cuts directly from the farm producer to the end consumer.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This resolution urges the New Hampshire congressional delegation to sponsor legislation about and urges the United States Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations allowing small-scale slaughter plants to allow certain inspection criteria to be used to enable the sale of processed beef, pork, lamb, and goat meat from farm to the end consumer.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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1 Whereas, New Hampshire has only 4 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
2 approved slaughter plants; and

3 Whereas, to ensure processing availability, farmers in the region must schedule a slaughter date
4 at a USDA approved slaughter facility before their livestock are born; and

5 Whereas, supply chain issues we experienced as a nation during the COVID-19 pandemic
6 highlighted the vulnerability of the existing concentration in the nation's meat processing industry
7 when consumers found limited availability and even empty meat cases in stores; and

8 Whereas, a strong local food economy is vital to the nutritional needs and public health of the
9 state's citizenry; and

10 Whereas, there is a desire for consumers to know where and how their food is grown and raised
11 and to have the ability to speak with the farmer producing their food; and

12 Whereas, exemptions and flexibility are already provided for poultry in the Poultry Products
13 Inspection Act and for non-amenable species (i.e., species not covered under the Federal Meat
14 Inspection Act) such as bison, deer, elk, and rabbits; and

15 Whereas, the USDA's existing regulations enable the processing of the meat from amenable
16 species in a state licensed facility where the animal has been slaughtered under USDA inspection;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

19 That the New Hampshire house of representatives urges our congressional delegation to sponsor
20 legislation, and also urges the USDA to adopt regulations, allowing for small scale slaughter plants
21 to use the Federal Meat Inspection Act's Custom Exempt meat processing inspection criteria with a
22 third-party inspector present at slaughter, so that processed beef, pork, lamb, and chevron (goat
23 meat) can be sold as individual cuts directly from the farm producer to the end consumer.

24 Let it further be resolved that copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house, be
25 forwarded by the house clerk to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the
26 secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the administrator of the United
27 States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service.