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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Introduced by: Senators Volesky and Hutmacher and Representatives Kloucek, Bradford, Burg, Flowers, Hanson (Gary), Hargens, Lange, Nachtigal, Peterson (Jim), Sigdestad, and Valandra

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Proposing a moratorium on the importation of live cattle
2 and certain beef products.

3 WHEREAS, Americans enjoy the safest and most abundant food supply in the world, which
4 reflects the tremendous productivity and efficiency of our agricultural economy and our farming
5 and ranching community; and

6 WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance to the people of the United States to maintain the
7 safety and reliability of our food supply and to protect our food supply from contamination from
8 whatever source; and

9 WHEREAS, in recent years the world's food supply has faced new threats in the form of
10 food-borne illnesses and illness-causing organisms, such as salmonella, E. coli bacteria, and
11 listeria monocytogenes, as well as the emergence of antibiotic-resistant organisms associated
12 with contamination of the food supply; and

13 WHEREAS, another factor that poses a threat to our food supply lies in potential
14 contamination in the huge variety of imported ethnic and exotic fresh and processed foods from

1 all over the world that are now available to Americans; and

2 WHEREAS, the outbreak of mad cow disease in Europe introduces a frightening and lethal
3 condition that could eventually spread to many parts of the world if proper measures are not
4 taken to contain it; and

5 WHEREAS, the agricultural sector of the American economy is capable of providing a safe
6 and sufficient food supply to meet the needs of the American people and to avoid some of the
7 more serious sources of food-borne illnesses:

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-sixth Legislature
9 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
10 Dakota Legislature supports a moratorium on all imports of live cattle, beef, pre-cooked beef,
11 and all beef products for a period of three years or until importers can prove that the cattle and
12 beef are free of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or Mad Cow Disease and free of Foot and
13 Mouth Disease for the protection of the American consumer.