

ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 0008

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION urging Congress to oppose federal legislation that interferes with a state's ability to direct the transport or processing of horses.

WHEREAS, the processing of horses has become a controversial and emotional issue and has resulted in the closing of all horse processing facilities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation was introduced to amend the 1970 Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling or donation of horses and other equines for processing and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the loss of secondary markets has severely impacted the livestock industry by eliminating the salvage value of horses and has significantly reduced the market value of all horses; and

WHEREAS, prohibitions regarding the processing of horses have resulted in significant increases in abandoned and starving animals and have had significant economic impact on the entire equine industry; and

WHEREAS, the increase in unwanted or unusable horses has overwhelmed private animal welfare agencies and the public's ability to care for surplus domestic horses; and

WHEREAS, the annual number of unwanted or unusable surplus domestic horses is estimated to be one hundred thousand (100,000), compounding annually; and

WHEREAS, issues related to the humane handling and slaughter of surplus domestic horses are best addressed by

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proper regulations and inspection and not by banning or exporting the issue; and

WHEREAS, state agriculture and rural leaders recognize the necessity and benefit of a state's ability to direct the transport and processing of horses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That Congress is urged to oppose federal legislation that interferes with a state's ability to direct the transport or processing of horses.

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Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and the members of the Wyoming Congressional delegation.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk