

1 State of Arkansas  
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Call Item ##

SR 10

5 By: Senator Whitaker  
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## 8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BEEF INDUSTRY  
10 TO ARKANSAS' ECONOMY; URGING CONTINUING SUPPORT  
11 FOR THE BEEF INDUSTRY; RECOGNIZING THAT THE  
12 UNITED STATES PROVIDES THE SAFEST FOOD IN THE  
13 WORLD; AND URGING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL  
14 DELEGATION AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
15 AGRICULTURE TO WORK FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE  
16 REOPENING OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETS FOR ARKANSAS  
17 BEEF.

### 18 **Subtitle**

19 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND SAFETY OF  
20 ARKANSAS BEEF; AND URGING THE EARLIEST  
21 POSSIBLE REOPENING OF INTERNATIONAL BEEF  
22 MARKETS.  
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26 WHEREAS, the beef industry constitutes a significant component of  
27 Arkansas agriculture and this state's food production industry; and  
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29 WHEREAS, beef makes a significant contribution to school nutrition for  
30 Arkansas' children; and  
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32 WHEREAS, a single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy or mad cow  
33 disease has caused an overreaction in both the domestic and international  
34 markets; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the National Food Safety Program now in place has worked



1 effectively and efficiently to identify the problem and to initiate  
2 corrective and preventive measures; and

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4 WHEREAS, the United States continues to provide the safest food market  
5 in the world; and

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7 WHEREAS, international markets are crucial to the continuing success of  
8 agriculture in this nation and in Arkansas; and

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10 WHEREAS, the closing of international markets to United States' beef  
11 has caused an unnecessary disruption in this state's beef marketing programs,

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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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16 THAT the Senate of the State of Arkansas urges the Arkansas  
17 congressional delegation to make every immediate effort to assist the United  
18 States Department of Agriculture in reopening international markets to  
19 Arkansas' beef products.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of Agriculture  
22 seeks to reassure international markets concerning the safety of United  
23 States' and Arkansas' beef and seeks the earliest opportunity to reopen  
24 international markets to United States' and Arkansas' beef.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the members  
27 of the Arkansas congressional delegation and to the Secretary of the United  
28 States Department of Agriculture.