

import quotas or strict tariffs on Canadian swine to preserve an equitable and fair trade environment for the hog producers of this state and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of Minnesota be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved May 8, 1985

RESOLUTION 5 — H.F.No. 1388

A resolution memorializing the President, Congress, and the Secretary of Agriculture to require certain minimum levels of solids-not-fat in fluid milk marketed for direct human consumption.

WHEREAS, fluid milk is an essential part of a well-balanced human diet, especially the diet of children, youth, and older persons; and

WHEREAS, milk contains valuable quantities of calcium, phosphorus, iron, and other necessary nutrients that are easily digested and very economical; and

WHEREAS, the flavor and nutritional content of milk could be substantially enhanced by the establishment of increased minimum levels of milk solids-not-fat in fluid milk sold for direct human consumption; and

WHEREAS, increases in the consumption of fluid milk because of improved taste and nutritional value brought about by the addition of milk solids-not-fat will reduce surplus dairy commodities held in government storage, improve the financial condition of family dairy farms, and assure good health for residents who drink more milk; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has designated milk as the official state drink and it is appropriate for the legislature to take all actions to assure that milk sold and served in the state is as wholesome, tasty, and healthful as possible; and

WHEREAS, minimum required levels of milk solids-not-fat in milk will protect the public from confusion, fraud, and deception while promoting fair and orderly marketing of an essential food; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the United States Department of Agriculture should include in all milk marketing orders issued or amended after January 1, 1986, a pricing mechanism for whole milk that would properly account for the value of solids-not-fat content.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that national standards for solids-not-fat be established for all fluid milk marketed to the public. Initially, the standard should require no less than 8.8 percent solids-not-fat with the understanding that in future years the minimum standard would be raised.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of Minnesota be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved without governor's signature May 10, 1985

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