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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
APPOINTMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE
PRACTICES OF BEEF PRICING IN MONTANA.

WHEREAS, Montana is a large producer and processor of
beef cattle, and

WHEREAS, the market price of cattle when sold by the
producer is much less than the price paid for processed beef
by the consumer, and

WHEREAS, beef that is raised in the state, sold in the
state, and processed in the state should be priced lower
than beef that passes through interstate commerce, and

WHEREAS, federal efforts to investigate beef pricing
practices require that the beef be involved in interstate
commerce, and

WHEREAS, any federal regulation affecting beef pricing
practices would not necessarily affect beef raised, sold,
and processed exclusively in Montana, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable that the public be
fully informed of beef pricing practices in Montana and
protected against price-fixing, and

WHEREAS, the legislature in the exercise of its powers
and duties has the right to investigate any subject, hold
hearings, and compel witnesses to testify.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That a select committee of ~~ten~~ NINE persons be
appointed to investigate beef pricing practices in Montana,
particularly the prices that accrue between the time the
stock grower sells his cattle and the time the consumer
purchases the processed beef, and to investigate the pricing
practices of any other Montana livestock it deems necessary,
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee shall
have the authority to conduct its investigation under the
procedures defined in part X, chapter 75, sections 795, 800,

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1 801, and 802 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure,
 2 including the compelling of witnesses to testify before it,
 3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee
 5 report any possible or alleged violations of law it
 6 discovers in connection with its investigation to the proper
 7 county authorities in the county in which the violation is
 8 alleged to have been committed, and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee may
 10 request and shall receive the services of the Legislative
 11 Auditor and the Legislative Council if it so desires in the
 12 performance of its investigation, and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee may
 14 request the services of the various county attorneys in the
 15 performance of its investigation, and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee may
 17 hire investigators and support staff, if it so deems
 18 necessary, pursuant to proper appropriations, and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ~~ten~~ NINE committee
 20 members shall be appointed in the following manner:

21 (a) the President of the Senate shall appoint ~~five-(5)~~
 22 FOUR (4) Senate members, not more than ~~three--(3)~~ TWO (2)
 23 from the same political party;

24 (b) the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
 25 appoint five (5) House members, not more than three (3) from

1 the same political party; and

2 (C) THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
 3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE VICE CHAIRMAN BY THE
 4 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE ~~TEN-(10)~~ NINE (9) MEMBER
 5 COMMITTEE; AND

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report its
 7 findings and recommendations to the Forty-fifth Montana
 8 Legislature and to the Montana congressional delegation.

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