

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR413

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 25, 2014
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Davis
One Liner: Request the United States Department of Agriculture immediately withdraw its proposed rule entitled "Importation of Beef from a Region in Brazil"

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Report to the Legislature for further consideration with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bloomfield, Hansen, Harr, Johnson, Lathrop, Schilz, Wallman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

SENATOR AL DAVIS
PETE MCCLYMONT
JIM PAPPAS
JOHN HANSEN

Representing:

INTRODUCER
NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN
INDEPENDENT CATTLEMEN OF NEBRASKA
NEBRASKA FARMERS UNION

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

JORDAN DUX
ALAN ROSTER

Representing:

NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
SELF

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 413 would request that USDA withdraw a proposed regulation to allow imports of fresh and chilled beef from a region of Brazil and that USDA adopt a rule to strictly prohibit imports of fresh and chilled beef from Brazil until Brazil is free of foot and mouth disease without reliance on vaccination.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment replaces text that would have asked USDA to adopt a separate rule specific to imports from the country of Brazil. The amendment instead asks the USDA not expand exceptions in 9 CFR 94.1 which imposes a general prohibition against imports of meat animals and products from nations or regions that are not recognized as disease free for foot and mouth disease to allow imports of fresh or chilled beef from the country of Brazil, or any region of Brazil, until the entire country is free of foot-and-mouth disease without reliance on vaccination.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson