

SJRES 62

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relating to "Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay".

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Agriculture and Food
Introduced: Feb 26, 2024
Current Status: Held at the desk.
Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Mar 26, 2024)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]
Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (12 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD] | R · SD | | Feb 26, 2024 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH] | D · OH | | Mar 5, 2024 |
| Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND] | R · ND | | Mar 5, 2024 |
| Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY] | R · WY | | Mar 5, 2024 |
| Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS] | R · KS | | Mar 5, 2024 |
| Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV] | D · NV | | Mar 5, 2024 |
| Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV] | D · NV | | Mar 6, 2024 |
| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV] | D · WV | | Mar 6, 2024 |
| Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS] | R · KS | | Mar 7, 2024 |
| Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE] | R · NE | | Mar 7, 2024 |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND] | R · ND | | Mar 14, 2024 |
| Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK] | R · OK | | Mar 14, 2024 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Mar 11, 2024 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HJRES 115 | Related bill | Feb 20, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. |

Summary (as of Mar 21, 2024)

This joint resolution nullifies the final rule issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) titled *Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay* and published on November 14, 2023. The final rule allows for the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from Paraguay into the United States under certain conditions.

The United States prohibits or restricts the importation of certain animals and animal products to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). In response to a request from Paraguay to allow the importation of fresh beef from Paraguay into the United States, APHIS conducted a risk analysis. APHIS concluded that fresh beef could be safely imported from Paraguay, provided that certain conditions are met.

These conditions include that (1) FMD has not been diagnosed in the exporting region within the previous 12 months; (2) the meat originated from premises where FMD has not been present during the lifetime of any bovines slaughtered for U.S. meat export; and (3) APHIS may periodically conduct on-site evaluations and subsequent inspections of the slaughter facilities, records, and operations.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 26, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 26, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 23, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 21, 2024:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 21, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 70 - 25. Record Vote Number: 101. (consideration: CR S2497; text: CR S2497)
- **Mar 21, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 70 - 25. Record Vote Number: 101. (consideration: CR S2497; text: CR S2497)
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Star Print ordered on the joint resolution.
- **Mar 11, 2024:** Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry discharged, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c).
- **Mar 11, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 340.
- **Feb 26, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 26, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.