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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL NO. 3221 - “A BILL TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON LARGE CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT, 1921, TO REQUIRE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING ON BEEF, PORK, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”; AND REQUEST TO AMEND THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT, 1921, TO INCLUDE STATUTORY LANGUAGE FOR THE NAVAJO NATION TO ESTABLISH SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND PACKAGING FACILITIES.

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will support Senate Bill 3221 titled “A bill to place a moratorium on large concentrated animal feeding operations, to strengthen the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to require country of origin labeling on beef, pork, and dairy products, and for other purposes.” This resolution also requests an amendment to the Packers and Stockyard Act of 1921 to include statutory language for the Navajo Nation to establish slaughterhouses and packing facilities within Navajo Nation.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—THIRD YEAR, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

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AND STOCKYARDS ACT, 1921, TO INCLUDE STATUTORY LANGUAGE FOR
THE NAVAJO NATION TO ESTABLISH SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND
PACKAGING FACILITIES.

WHEREAS:

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the
Navajo Nation Council empowered to represent that Navajo Nation at local, state and
federal levels in other actions affecting health, environmental health, social services,
education, veteran’s services, employment, training and labor. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(7).

B. The Naabik’iyáti’ Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and
as such empowered the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee to review and continually monitor the
programs and activities of federal departments and to assist development of such
programs designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation; to coordinate all
requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed country, state
and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation; and to coordinate all Navajo
appearances and testimony before Congressional committees and departments of the
United States government. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(6-8). See also CO-45-12.

C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United

D. Senator Cory Booker (D-New Jersey) for himself, Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-
Massachusetts), and Senator Bernard Sanders (D-Vermont), introduced S.B. 3221
titled “A bill to place a moratorium on large concentrated animal feeding operations,
to strengthen the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to require country of origin
labeling on beef, pork, and dairy products, and for other purposes” during the second
session of the 116th Congress. See Exhibit A.

E. S.B. 3221, also known as the “Farm System Reform Act of 2021” proposes, inter alia,
the restriction of commencement or expansion of large concentrated animal feeding
operations (CAFO) from the date of the bill’s enactment and the eventual cessation of
large CAFO operations beyond the year January 1, 2040.

F. S.B. 3221 also proposes certain amendments to the Packers and Stockyards Act of
1921, and specific labeling of meat and dairy products. See Exhibit A.

G. The Navajo Nation further urges amending the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 to
include statutory language for the Navajo Nation to establish slaughterhouses and
packaging facilities on the Navajo Nation.

H. The Navajo Nation finds S.B.3221 to align with the Navajo Nation’s promotion of fair
competition in the meatpacking industry and consumer safety, and finds it is in Navajo
Nation’s best interest to support S.B. 3221 as a step in creating a fair marketplace for
independent family farmers, ceasing monopolistic practices of commercial
meatpackers, and informing consumers of meat packaging.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports S.B. 3221- “A bill to place a moratorium on large
conzentrated animal feeding operations, to strengthen the Packers and Stockyards Act,
1921, to require country of origin labeling on beef, pork, and dairy products, and for
other purposes- Farm System Reform Act of 2021” in substantially the form attached hereto in Exhibit A.

B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, President of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Washington Office, and/or their respective designees, to advocate on the behalf of the Navajo Nation to support the passage and enactment of S.B. 3221.

C. The Navajo Nation hereby requests amending the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 to include statutory language for the Navajo Nation to establish slaughterhouses and packaging facilities on the Navajo Nation.