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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education & Human Services Committee and the Naabik'iváti' 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**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0239-21

**DATE:** November 15, 2021

**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.

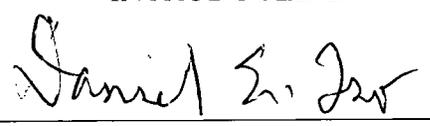
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Health Education & Human Services Committee  
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—THIRD YEAR, 2021

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10 COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED  
11 STATES SENATE BILL NO. 3221 - "A BILL TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON  
12 LARGE CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS, TO  
13 STRENGTHEN THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT, 1921, TO REQUIRE  
14 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING ON BEEF, PORK, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS,  
15 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"; AND REQUEST TO AMEND THE PACKERS  
16 AND STOCKYARDS ACT, 1921, TO INCLUDE STATUTORY LANGUAGE FOR  
17 THE NAVAJO NATION TO ESTABLISH SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND  
18 PACKAGING FACILITIES.  
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21 WHEREAS:

- 22 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the  
23 Navajo Nation Council empowered to represent that Navajo Nation at local, state and  
24 federal levels in other actions affecting health, environmental health, social services,  
25 education, veteran's services, employment, training and labor. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(7).  
26 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and  
27 as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to review and continually monitor the  
28 programs and activities of federal departments and to assist development of such  
29 programs designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation; to coordinate all  
30 requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed country, state

1 and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation; and to coordinate all Navajo  
2 appearances and testimony before Congressional committees and departments of the  
3 United States government. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(6-8). *See also* CO-45-12.

4 C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United  
5 States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.

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

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

16 F. S.B. 3221 also proposes certain amendments to the Packers and Stockyards Act of  
17 1921, and specific labeling of meat and dairy products. *See Exhibit A.*

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

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

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27 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

28 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports S.B. 3221- “A bill to place a moratorium on large  
29 concentrated animal feeding operations, to strengthen the Packers and Stockyards Act,  
30 1921, to require country of origin labeling on beef, pork, and dairy products, and for

1 other purposes- Farm System Reform Act of 2021” in substantially the form attached  
2 hereto in **Exhibit A**.

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

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