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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25
INTRODUCED BY W. CURDY

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN LABELING FOR BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require that retailers notify customers who are purchasing covered commodities, including beef and pork, of the commodities' origin by means of a country-of-origin label; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, Congress removed mandatory country-of-origin labeling requirements for only beef and pork while all other food products require country-of-origin labeling; and

WHEREAS, consumers want to know the origin of their food, and United States and Montana producers want consumers to know the origin of their food; and

WHEREAS, transparent and accurate country-of-origin labeling will contribute to a competitive marketplace for American producers and consumers; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2025, U.S. Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) introduced the American Beef Labeling Act of 2025, which would reinstate federal mandatory country-of-origin labeling for beef.

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

That the 69th Montana Legislature urges Congress to pass a federal mandatory country-of-origin labeling law for beef and pork products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the United States Trade Representative.

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