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S. 716

To establish a Joint United States-Canada Commission on Cattle and Beef to identify, and recommend means of resolving, national, regional, and provincial trade-distorting differences between the countries with respect to the production, processing, and sale of cattle and beef, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 1997

Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. JOINT UNITED STATES-CANADA COMMISSION**
 2 **ON CATTLE AND BEEF.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Joint
 4 United States-Canada Commission on Cattle and Beef to
 5 identify, and recommend means of resolving, national, re-
 6 gional, and provincial trade-distorting differences between
 7 the United States and Canada with respect to the produc-
 8 tion, processing, and sale of cattle and beef, with particu-
 9 lar emphasis on—

- 10 (1) animal health requirements;
- 11 (2) transportation differences;
- 12 (3) the availability of feed grains; and
- 13 (4) other market-distorting direct and indirect
- 14 subsidies.

15 (b) COMPOSITION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be
 17 composed of—

18 (A) 3 members representing the United
 19 States, including—

20 (i) 1 member appointed by the Major-
 21 ity Leader of the Senate;

22 (ii) 1 member appointed by the
 23 Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 24 and

25 (iii) 1 member appointed by the Sec-
 26 retary of Agriculture;

1 (B) 3 members representing Canada, ap-
2 pointed by the Government of Canada; and

3 (C) nonvoting members appointed by the
4 Commission to serve as advisers to the Commis-
5 sion, including university faculty, State veteri-
6 narians, trade experts, and other members.

7 (2) APPOINTMENT.—Members of the Commis-
8 sion shall be appointed not later than 30 days after
9 the date of enactment of this Act.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the first
11 meeting of the Commission, the Commission shall submit
12 a report to Congress and the Government of Canada that
13 identifies, and recommends means of resolving, differences
14 between the United States and Canada with respect to the
15 production, processing, and sale of cattle and beef.

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