

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1698

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to provide that a quality grade label issued by the Secretary of Agriculture may not be used for imported meat and meat food products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 1999

Mr. HILL of Montana (for himself, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MCHUGH, and Mr. WATKINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “USDA Grade Rescis-
5 sion Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUALITY GRADE LABELING OF IMPORTED MEAT**
2 **AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.**

3 Section 1(n) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21
4 U.S.C. 601(n)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (11), by striking “or” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (12), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(13) if it is an imported carcass, part thereof,
11 meat, or meat food product (including any carcass,
12 part thereof, meat, or meat food product produced
13 from any cattle, sheep, or goats that have not been
14 fed in the United States for at least 90 days) and
15 bears a label that indicates a quality grade issued by
16 the Secretary.”.

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