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S. RES. 293

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and United States Trade Representative should ensure that any future free trade agreements do not harm the dairy industry of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2004

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and United States Trade Representative should ensure that any future free trade agreements do not harm the dairy industry of the United States.

Whereas the United States is home to thousands of dairy producers, with dairy farmers in every State;

Whereas, as of the date of this resolution, the United States and Australia are negotiating the development of a free trade agreement;

Whereas these negotiations could have dire consequences for several of the agricultural industries of the United States, including the dairy industry;

Whereas improper treatment of dairy in the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement could concentrate the exporting focus of Australia largely on the United States; and

Whereas significantly increasing access to the dairy markets of the United States for Australian imports would greatly undermine milk prices, thwarting Federal efforts to support dairy producers and their families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
2 President and the United State Trade Representative
3 should exercise great caution in negotiating and drafting
4 the trading terms that would apply to the dairy industry
5 under the proposed United States-Australia Free Trade
6 Agreement.

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