

SENATE RESOLUTION
8617

By Senator Rasmussen

WHEREAS, On February 1, 2005, the livestock industry, affectionately referred to as the "Barnyard Coalition," is convening its Joint Legislative Day in Olympia to meet with leaders of state government; and

WHEREAS, The state livestock and related livestock feed industry comprise approximately thirty-six percent of the value of production of Washington State's agriculture industry, the state's number one industry; and

WHEREAS, This group is an informal but influential group that works with other state leaders to coordinate the state's efforts toward high priority issues including food safety, environmental stewardship, livestock disease control, and, last but not least, maintaining the viability of farming and ranching for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington recognize the efforts of the "Barnyard Coalition" to address important public issues, and to express great appreciation for the hard work of the livestock industry because we know that a quality and affordable product does not just magically appear on the grocery store shelf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to representatives of the "Barnyard Coalition."

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8617,
adopted by the Senate
February 1, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate