

SENATE RESOLUTION
8691

By Senators Rasmussen and Swecker

WHEREAS, Washington state cattle ranchers and dairy farmers make up two of the largest sectors of this state's agricultural economy, with a combined value of more than 1 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Washington state beef producers produce more than 1.2 million cattle annually at a value of over 5.5 million dollars, ranking it the third or fourth largest agricultural commodity in the state year after year; and

WHEREAS, Washington state dairy farmers own 247,000 dairy cows producing over 5.6 billion pounds of milk annually, ranking it eighth nationwide in total production and first nationwide in per-cow production; and

WHEREAS, These two industries provide tens of thousands of jobs within their industries as well as many more in related industries; and

WHEREAS, The beef and dairy products produced in Washington state are shipped to grocery stores and restaurants not only in our own state but across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Beef and dairy products are an excellent source of nutrition, providing essential vitamins and nutrients for a long, healthy life; and

WHEREAS, It is very important that now, more than ever, the citizens of Washington state join together to support these industries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington recognize the week of January 17 through January 24, 2004, as Washington Beef and Dairy Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all citizens enjoy Washington's beef and dairy products this week and throughout the year.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8691,
adopted by the Senate
January 19, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate