

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0014

National animal identification system.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wallis and Shepperson

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to prevent the  
2 establishment of a national animal identification system  
3 effort in Wyoming.

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5 WHEREAS, Wyoming has a long-standing, and very effective  
6 system for tracking ownership and movement of livestock  
7 through our livestock brands, the imposition of a National  
8 Animal Identification System is an unnecessary federal  
9 intrusion into a system that has been effective since  
10 territorial days; and

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12 WHEREAS, Wyoming has, and will continue to cooperate with  
13 the various states and the federal government, to provide  
14 efficient and accurate tracking in matters of animal and  
15 human welfare; and

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1 WHEREAS, the stated purpose of a national animal  
2 identification system being the protection of the food  
3 supply, a much more appropriate place for the federal  
4 government to direct their focus would be testing at the  
5 point of slaughter, especially of large-scale processors;  
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8 WHEREAS, the system as proposed is being put forth as  
9 purely voluntary, but the stated objective is that it would  
10 become mandatory at some point in the future; and

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12 WHEREAS, a mandatory system would be a tremendous  
13 disservice to Wyoming's ranchers, an invasion of privacy,  
14 the ability to manage their businesses as they see fit, and  
15 would result in a defacto requirement to be licensed by the  
16 federal government before you could own livestock, and  
17 would result in a massive financial burden on producers who  
18 are already struggling with a marginal ability to make a  
19 profit.

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21 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*  
22 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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1           **Section 1.** That the Wyoming legislature firmly  
2 believes that all animal identification and premise  
3 registration efforts remain at the state, and not the  
4 national level.

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6           **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
7 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the  
8 United States, to the President of the Senate and the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United  
10 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional  
11 Delegation.

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