

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1488

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 1993

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRANDY, Mr. GUNDERSON, and Mr. BEREUTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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. FINDINGS AND POLICY.**

4       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following  
5 findings:

6               (1) The European Community's Third Country  
7       Meat Directive is a nontariff trade barrier.

1           (2) The maintenance of this nontariff barrier is  
2 a major impediment to United States meat exports  
3 to the member states of the European Community.

4           (3) United States producers of meat products  
5 have been injured by being denied the opportunity to  
6 sell their products in the member states of the Euro-  
7 pean Community.

8           (4) The imposition of this nontariff barrier has  
9 had a harmful effect on United States commercial  
10 interest and has created a serious trade dispute be-  
11 tween the United States and the European Commu-  
12 nity.

13           (5) Efforts by the United States Government to  
14 negotiate a resolution to this dispute have been un-  
15 successful.

16           (6) The European Community is expanding its  
17 share of the United States pork market through the  
18 unfair use of export subsidies, and this expansion is  
19 further injuring the United States pork industry.

20           (7) In order to prevent further economic injury  
21 to the United States meat industry, the United  
22 States Government must take stronger action to re-  
23 move the major impediment to United States exports  
24 created by the Third Country Meat Directive.



- 1 products raised and produced in the United States are
- 2 permitted full and fair access to the markets of the Euro-
- 3 pean Community.

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