
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 190 Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY MAINE, HERSHEY, BRANDT, MORRIS, MELIO, HAYDEN,
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KUKOVICH, NOYE, LINTON, VEON, PISTELLA, JOSEPHS, DIETTERICK,
BOWLEY, HALUSKA, COY, STEIGHNER, COLAFELLA, WASS, HESS, PESCI
AND WILLIAMS, SEPTEMBER 27, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 27, 1989

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to delay the
2 commercial sale of bovine somatotropin (BST) until an
3 extensive study is conducted to determine the impact it will
4 have on dairy farmers and consumers and on cows that receive
5 the hormone.

6 WHEREAS, Consumers in this Commonwealth and in the country
7 have historically believed that the milk and dairy products they
8 purchase and consume are naturally produced and are pure
9 products; and

10 WHEREAS, Bovine somatotropin (BST), which is also known as
11 bovine growth hormone (BGH), is now being tested and may be
12 approved for commercial sale in the United States and
13 administered to milk-producing cows by injection to increase
14 milk production; and

15 WHEREAS, The use of BST may concern many consumers of milk
16 and other dairy products, may pose an economic threat to small
17 dairy farmers in Pennsylvania and throughout the country, and

1 may adversely affect the long-term health of cows; and

2 WHEREAS, The commercial use of BST may have a significant
3 economic impact on the dairy industry in Pennsylvania and
4 throughout the country; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
7 United States to delay the commercial sale of bovine
8 somatotropin (BST) until an extensive study is conducted to
9 determine the impact it will have on dairy farmers and consumers
10 and on cows that receive the hormone; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
13 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.