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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
APRIL 29, 1998

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the USDA to promote the use of appropriate poultry  
2 vaccines to prevent avian influenza.

3 WHEREAS, Avian influenza (AI) is a threat to the poultry  
4 industry in Pennsylvania, its contiguous states and the  
5 Northeast; and

6 WHEREAS, Avian influenza, in addition to threatening the  
7 viability of the poultry industry, could become a threat to  
8 public health if a Hong Kong H5N1-type virus were carried by  
9 people or poultry; and

10 WHEREAS, A large avian influenza flock depopulation program  
11 such as was conducted in 1983-1984 would significantly increase  
12 the cost of poultry meat and eggs to consumers; and

13 WHEREAS, The past control method of eradication of pathogenic  
14 avian influenza virus by massive depopulations and the payment  
15 of indemnities require financial resources that may not be

1 available; and

2 WHEREAS, The availability of vaccine could be an important  
3 part of a prevention, control and eradication program, and both  
4 experimental studies and field evidence have shown vaccines to  
5 be effective; and

6 WHEREAS, Even more effective and more readily administered  
7 genetically engineered recombinant vaccines have been developed  
8 and are awaiting USDA approval; and

9 WHEREAS, The USDA has allowed the use of this vaccine to  
10 assist in prevention, control and eradication in turkeys; and

11 WHEREAS, Vaccines have been routinely used to prevent and  
12 control other highly contagious diseases of poultry; therefore  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the USDA to enter into  
16 meaningful dialogue with the poultry industry of Pennsylvania  
17 and other states regarding the research, production, stockpiling  
18 and use of H5- and H7-type AI vaccines; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
20 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the USDA to enter into  
21 discussions with other countries regarding the use of  
22 appropriate poultry vaccines; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to

24 The Honorable Daniel Glickman, Secretary  
25 U. S. Department of Agriculture  
26 200-A Whitten Building  
27 1400 Independence Avenue SW  
28 Washington, D.C. 20250