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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

A Resolution requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a task force to study value-added agricultural issues.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes the importance of the multibillion dollar Iowa agriculture economy and critical role that public policy plays on this vital segment of the economy; and

WHEREAS, future economic growth in Iowa depends on the availability of value-added markets for agricultural products; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Secretary of Agriculture establish a task force to complete a thorough review of Iowa's public policy related to value-added agriculture, opportunities for producers to access financing, opportunities for producers to access processing and value-added markets for their products, the impact of the structure of Iowa agriculture on future economic growth and the long-term ability of the independent livestock producer to play a viable economic role in Iowa's agricultural future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall, at a minimum, consist of a representative of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, a representative of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, a representative of the Iowa Corn Growers Association, a representative of the Iowa Soybean Association, a representative of the Iowa Poultry Association, a representative of the Iowa

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1 Bankers Association, a representative of the
2 Agribusiness Association of Iowa, a representative of
3 the Iowa Area Development Group, a representative of
4 the Professional Developers of Iowa, a professor of
5 agricultural policy and economics designated by the
6 President of Iowa State University of Science and
7 Technology, two persons representing value-added
8 processors doing business in Iowa, the chairpersons
9 and ranking members of the standing committees on
10 Agriculture in both the Senate and the House of
11 Representatives, the Director of the Department of
12 Natural Resources, and the Secretary of Agriculture;
13 and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
15 Agriculture shall serve as chairperson of the task
16 force; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, by January 10, 2003,
18 the task force shall submit a written report to the
19 General Assembly regarding the findings of the task
20 force which shall include recommendations.

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