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Senate Committees

SENATE MEMORIAL 02S-001

101 **MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT MEASURES THAT PROVIDE**
102 **DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR COLORADO’S AGRICULTURAL**
103 **PRODUCERS.**

1 WHEREAS, Snowpack levels and precipitation from rainfall have
2 been far below normal for many states in the Rocky Mountain region,
3 including Colorado; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorado has experienced extreme drought
5 conditions for the last 3 years; and

6 WHEREAS, This year’s drought is the worst year of drought for
7 agricultural producers in living memory; and

8 WHEREAS, The typical annual wheat harvest is over 100 million
9 bushels and this year’s estimated harvest is less than 40 million bushels;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Livestock producers are struggling for economic
12 survival due to drought-related conditions such as the lack of available
13 drinking water for livestock, limited grazing land and forage, and the high
14 price of hay and other feed; and

15 WHEREAS, Agricultural production has experienced several years
16 of economic decline, with low crop prices, weak cattle markets, and
17 increasing production costs; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 WHEREAS, The financial impact caused by the drought could be
2 devastating to Colorado’s agricultural community, and have a serious
3 negative impact on the state’s economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Congress failed to appropriate adequate disaster
5 assistance to agricultural producers in 2001; now, therefore,

6 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly*
7 *of the State of Colorado:*

8 That the Senate supports and encourages Colorado’s Congressional
9 delegation to support the measures before the United States Senate that
10 provide adequate disaster assistance to Colorado’s agricultural producers,
11 including S. 2528, S. 2086, and S. 2183.

12 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to the
13 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the
14 United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the United States House of
15 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of
16 Representatives, and each member of the Colorado Congressional
17 Delegation.