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RESOLUTION No. 3

PLANT PROTECTION ACT

The Federal Plant Pest Act, Plant Quarantine Act, and various other statutes provide the federal authority under which USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service labors to protect agricultural and environmental plant resources from the introduction of plant pests and noxious weeds. However, most of these statutes were passed early in this century and did not anticipate more recent trends in international travel and commerce that pose heightened risk of introducing devastating new invasive pests.

There is an urgent need to establish a single, streamlined, cohesive and comprehensive plant protection statute in order to optimize the effectiveness of the U.S. pest safeguarding system, facilitate international trade opportunities for U.S. producers and enhance the framework for federal and state cooperative efforts to protect U.S. agriculture, horticulture, and the environment. Efforts to develop such a legislative package have been underway for several years, resulting in broad consensus. Passage of such legislation was the number one recommendation of the Safeguarding American Plant Resources stakeholder review conducted by the National Plant Board at the request of USDA-APHIS-PPQ.

Resolved: That the Central Plant Board at its 76th annual meeting held in Lansing, Michigan on February 10, 2000, urges the passage of the Plant Protection Act H.R. 1504, S. 910 in the 2nd session of the 106th U.S. Congress.

Distribution:

The Honorable Larry Combest, Chairman, House Agriculture Committee
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