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**2005 Annual Meeting
Biloxi, Mississippi**

RESOLUTION NO. 5

EMERGING PLANT PESTS AND PEST DETECTION

The ability of USDA-APHIS and state cooperators to safeguard American plant resources is hampered by their inability to secure adequate funding to detect, delimit, and eradicate exotic plant pests. Major control initiatives directed at Asian long-horned beetle, emerald ash borer, citrus canker, and *Phytophthora ramorum* blight are ongoing. All of these initiatives are funded with the emerging plant pests budget line item. For eradication efforts to be successful, full, reliable, and continuous funding is imperative to U.S. citizens and the partner agencies serving the public.

Recent increases in federal support for enhanced domestic surveillance through Homeland Security funds allocation and the Pest Detection Initiative have focused on infrastructure development. Expanding world trade and the threat of bio-terrorism have increased the risk of additional destructive insects, diseases, nematodes, and weeds being introduced into the United States. Improving pest survey, detection, and response capabilities to meet the increasing threats posed by new pest introductions require funding at a level of \$100,000,000.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10th, 2005, urges that USDA seek through U. S. Congress to increase the appropriation for the Pest Detection line item to \$100 million for the early detection of new pests and timely emergency response.

Be it further resolved, that the National Plant Board urges that Congress appropriate at least \$175 million to fund USDA-APHIS-PPQ's Emerging Plant Pests line item in order to complement Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) emergency funding.

Motion: Ken Rauscher, MI

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