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**Sponsor Testimony on Senate Resolution 382
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Chairman Hackett, Vice Chair Hoagland, members of the Agriculture Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Resolution 382. This legislation would urge the agricultural and/or feed industry, including but not limited to alfalfa processors and/or suppliers, to recognize the existence of two alfalfa products. This is in light of the recent action of the Ingredient Definition Committee of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO): Direct Dehydrated Alfalfa and Sun-cured Alfalfa.

Recently, the Ingredient Definition Committee of the AAFCO established the existence of direct dehydrated alfalfa and reiterated its position on sun-cured alfalfa. AAFCO has taken action to define direct dehydrated alfalfa to mean the aerial portion of the alfalfa plant that is reasonably free of other crop plants that have not been stored in bales or in stacks as sun-cured alfalfa hay prior to being ground and dried. They have also set out to differentiate chopped alfalfa which is dehydrated direct from the field from alfalfa stored as bales or stacks.

We have the opportunity to encourage the agriculture and/or feed industry to label their products that are directly correlated to the AAFCO's new definitions to ensure that the regulation of animal feed is as uniform and transparent as possible from state to state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify this afternoon. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.