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### CONGRESSIONAL RECORD— SENATE March 24, 1995 S.C.R. NO. 20

“Whereas, the Federal Trade Commission has published an agreement containing a consent order, file number 941–0124, dealing with the proposed acquisition of Alpo by Nestle Food Company; and “Whereas, Nestle Food Company owns a processing facility in Fort Dodge, Iowa, operating as Friskies PetCare Products; and “Whereas, the consent order requires Nestle to divest the Fort Dodge Friskies PetCare plant within 12 months; and “Whereas, the Friskies PetCare Products has operated in Fort Dodge for more than 19 years and has been an excellent corporate citizen, providing good jobs and benefits to 141 employees; and “Whereas, the direct economic impact of the Friskies plant in Webster County and Fort Dodge approaches \$100 million per year; and “Whereas, the complaint filed with the Federal Trade Commission alleges that the acquisition of Alpo by the Nestle Food Company will eliminate substantial actual competition between Nestle and Alpo, increase the likelihood that Nestle will unilaterally exercise market power in the relevant market, and increase the likelihood of, or facilitate collusion or coordinated interaction among, firms in the relevant market; and “Whereas, the relevant market in the complaint is the manufacture and production of canned cat food for the geographies market of the United States of America; and “Whereas, the Fort Dodge facility produces 24,000,000 cases of canned pet food per year of which 66 percent is canned cat food and 33 percent is canned dog food; and “Whereas, Nestle officials have stated that they will increase the production at other Nestle-owned plants to replace the lost production from the sale of the Fort Dodge plant; and “Whereas, the Federal Trade Commission has indicated that it is unlikely that it will allow the sale of the Fort Dodge plant to any other major competitor in the pet food industry; and “Whereas, the citizens of Fort Dodge and Webster County, the Mayor and City Council of Fort Dodge, the Webster County Board of Supervisors, the employees of Friskies, and the Webster County Industrial Development Commission all believe that the remedy proposed by the Federal Trade Commission will not accomplish the stated goals, and will, in fact, result in the loss of 141 good jobs in Fort Dodge and have a disastrous effect on the local economy, including the loss of more than \$200,000 per year in Iowa sales taxes; now therefore, be it “Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Federal Trade Commission is urged to amend the agreement containing consent order, file number 941–0124, so that Nestle is not required to divest itself of the Fort Dodge Friskies PetCare Plant; and “Be it further resolved, That the entire Iowa congressional delegation, Governor Branstad, and the Director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development are urged to support the citizens of Fort Dodge in their efforts to appeal to the Federal Trade Commission to amend the consent order; and “Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Federal Trade Commission, and members of the Iowa congressional delegation.” POM–48. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislative of the State of Maine; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.