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GLOBAL WARMING AND ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE

The Problem:

Global warming is a threat to ecosystems throughout the world. The processes ongoing from human activity are causing so many changes in the weather that non-human species are faced with adaptations too rapid for them to accomplish. Humans are causing eco-system freefall in extinctions with their excesses and habitual abuses. In 2006, the United Nations issued an urgent proclamation that animal agriculture (the production of 10 billion farm animals for slaughter in the USA - and the other animal agriculture worldwide) causes more global warming than ALL TRANSPORT. The loss of prairies, wetlands, and habitat for wildlife in order to produce billions of a few species of farm animals for slaughter, is destroying water systems, causing desertification, loss of forests, loss of diversity and habitat for wildlife. The USA market for farm animal carcasses is destroying rain forests, the lungs of the planet. All of the remaining rainforests need to be protected, if we are to avert global warming on a catastrophic level. Yet it is supply and demand - and the USA demand for meat is a strong incentive to continue to destroy rain forests for cattle production.

CC BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in every county the 14th of April, 2008, work with the ~~Department~~ to take action to correct the situation by starting up a new committee on global warming, and accessing the latest and ongoing new science on the trends, and learn how to help Wisconsin protect biodiversity and the balance of life. These facts need to be addressed with an education program of full exploration and disclosure to the citizens of Wisconsin with avenues of how all citizens can modify and lessen their meat consumption to help avert the worst disasters of climate change. In his book, THE END OF NATURE, Bill McKibben, who is a leader in trying to help citizens make the changes that must be made to avert certain disaster, writes that the 12 billion cattle on the earth in 1989 emitted methane that is 20 times more toxic in global warming than fossil fuels, because the methane is not burned. Understanding these issues gives us power for the dramatic changes that must be made to help our planet.

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