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To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from inspection the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses conducted at a custom slaughter facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LEE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BRAUN, and Ms. LUMMIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Processing Revival and
5 Intrastate Meat Exemption Act” or the “PRIME Act”.

1 SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FOR SLAUGHTER AND PREPARATION

2 **OCCURRING AT CUSTOM SLAUGHTER FACILI-**
3 **TIES.**4 Section 23 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21
5 U.S.C. 623) is amended—6 (1) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), and
7 (d) as subsections (c), (d), and (e), respectively;
8 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
9 lowing:10 “(b) EXEMPTION FOR SLAUGHTER AND PREPARA-
11 TION OCCURRING AT CUSTOM SLAUGHTER FACILITIES.—12 “(1) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this sub-
13 section, the term ‘State’ means any State or Terri-
14 tory.15 “(2) EXEMPTION.—The provisions of this title
16 requiring inspection of the slaughter of animals and
17 the preparation of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat,
18 and meat food products at establishments con-
19 ducting those operations for commerce shall not
20 apply to the slaughtering by any person of animals
21 at a custom slaughter facility and the preparation at
22 that custom slaughter facility and transportation in
23 commerce of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and
24 meat food products of those animals if—25 “(A) the slaughtering and preparation car-
26 ried out at the custom slaughter facility is car-

1 ried out in accordance with the law of the State
2 in which the custom slaughter facility is lo-
3 cated; and

4 “(B) the animals are slaughtered and the
5 carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and meat food
6 products of the animals are prepared exclusively
7 for distribution to—

8 “(i) household consumers within the
9 State in which the custom slaughter facil-
10 ity is located; or

11 “(ii) restaurants, hotels, boarding
12 houses, grocery stores, or other establish-
13 ments located in the State in which the
14 custom slaughter facility is located that—

15 “(I) are involved in the prepara-
16 tion of meals served directly to con-
17 sumers; or

18 “(II) offer meat and meat food
19 products for sale directly to con-
20 sumers in the State.”; and

21 (3) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), in the
22 second sentence, by striking “paragraph (b)” and in-
23 serting “subsection”.

1 **SEC. 3. NO PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.**

2 Nothing in an amendment made by section 2 pre-
3 empts any State law relating to—

4 (1) the slaughter of animals or the preparation
5 of carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and meat food
6 products at a custom slaughter facility; or

7 (2) the sale of meat or meat food products.

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