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> 1: Animals who are too sick or injured even to
> stand should not be
> allowed to enter the human food chain.
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> 2: In addition to posing an increased risk for
> bacterial contamination,
> there is evidence that some downed animals may be
> afflicted with
> a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or
> "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked
> to a fatal
> human illness (CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease).
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> 3: It is impossible to move downed animals humanely,
> and they are
> typically pushed with tractors or dragged with
> chains - inhumane
> processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises
> and
> abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments.
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> 4: Downed animals comprise a very small percentage
> of animals
> slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will

> cause no undue
> economic hardship.
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> 5: Industry experts have estimated that 90% percent
> of downed
> animals can be prevented with better care and
> handling.
> Removing the market for downed animals will provide
> an incentive
> to industry to prevent downed animals in the first
> place.

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*Thank you,
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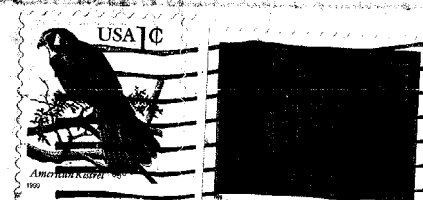
> Downed Animal Protection Act
> (H.R. 443 & S. 515)
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> Farm Sanctuary and other animal protection
> organizations are
> lobbying to pass the Downed Animal Protection Act in
> Washington,
> DC. This commonsense measure requires that animals
> who
> are too sick to stand (i.e. "downed animals") be
> humanely
> euthanized at stockyards.

*C.C. - Senators -
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