

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS,
MARCH 15, 1983

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to pass legislation limiting foreign
2 steel importation by imposing import quotas.

3 WHEREAS, The domestic steel industry is one of the largest
4 industries in America and has become an integral part of the
5 American economy; and

6 WHEREAS, Many factors have combined in the past ten years to
7 reduce greatly the demand for and therefore the production of
8 domestic steel; and

9 WHEREAS, One of these factors is the significant rise in the
10 amount of foreign steel being imported into America at low
11 prices; and

12 WHEREAS, Low foreign steel prices reflect market practices
13 with which the American steel industry cannot compete, including
14 the dumping of foreign steel into the American market, or,
15 selling it at prices below its actual production cost, and

1 foreign governmental subsidization of the steel industry within
2 that country, as well as such competitive market practices as
3 technological improvements and wage differences; and

4 WHEREAS, As a direct result of the decrease in demand for
5 domestic steel, domestic steel plants in this Commonwealth are
6 operating at below 66% capacity and have experienced lay-offs of
7 40% of their steelworkers for over a year, causing substantial
8 hardship to many Pennsylvanians and arousing the concern of
9 everyone who senses the far-reaching effects of this situation;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A limitation imposed on foreign steel importation by
12 the United States government, either by increasing the import
13 tax on foreign steel or by placing a quota on amounts imported,
14 would result in an increase in demand for domestic steel;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
17 Congress of the United States to pass legislation imposing
18 quotas on foreign steel importation and directly pursuant
19 thereto to reintroduce the steel quota bill which was introduced
20 during the 97th session of Congress; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
23 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.