

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LOGAN, RAFFERTY, BAKER, ORIE, ERICKSON, FONTANA,
ALLOWAY, LEACH, ROBBINS, WOZNIAK, WAUGH, WASHINGTON AND
O'PAKE, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the President of the United States and the
2 Congress of the United States to ensure the incorporation of
3 Federal and State Buy American and Domestic Content clauses
4 in any publicly funded economic stimulus programs to maintain
5 and expand our nation's aging infrastructure, particularly in
6 Pennsylvania where manufacturing is a key driver to the
7 Commonwealth's economy.

8 WHEREAS, The United States is confronted with its most
9 serious economic downturn in decades, triggering increased
10 unemployment and accompanying painful economic hardship for
11 American companies, their workers and families, including
12 working families in Pennsylvania where the unemployment rate
13 continues to escalate; and

14 WHEREAS, Leaders of the National Governors Association (NGA),
15 the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and
16 numerous other state and national organizations have called on
17 the new administration and Congress to take immediate action to
18 reverse the economic crisis; and

19 WHEREAS, Congress intends to enact taxpayer-funded economic

1 recovery legislation for the President's signature as soon as
2 possible; and

3 WHEREAS, The economic recovery legislation is expected to
4 invest billions of taxpayer dollars through state block grants
5 and other funding mechanisms to initiate significant job
6 creation through massive public works investments by rebuilding
7 our nation's aging infrastructure, including roads and
8 accompanying guardrails, utility poles, rest areas, maintenance
9 buildings, highway bridges, energy pipelines, rail and air
10 transportation networks, electrical grid expansion, water and
11 sewerage improvements, environmentally friendly nonresidential
12 renovation, and new construction of state-of-the-art schools and
13 hospitals, as well as other vital infrastructure needs; and

14 WHEREAS, Modernizing and upgrading Pennsylvania's Statewide
15 infrastructure will improve the overall quality of life for all
16 Pennsylvania families, create significant new job opportunities
17 and economic growth, and help revitalize and promote the
18 Commonwealth's critically important manufacturing sector; and

19 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vital manufacturing industries are
20 huge consumers of goods and services, including health care,
21 education and training, electricity, natural gas and alternative
22 fuels, as well as being utilizers of advanced technologies to
23 enhance competitiveness and environmental quality; therefore be
24 it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania memorialize the
26 President of the United States and members of the United States
27 Senate and the United States House of Representatives to work
28 cooperatively to ensure that businesses located in the United
29 States, and domestic employees, be the primary beneficiaries of
30 economic-relief legislation by incorporating Federal and State

1 Buy American and Domestic Content requirements in any taxpayer-
2 funded economic recovery legislation; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
4 the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States;
5 the presiding officers of each house of Congress; and each
6 member of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.