

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 12, 2002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States to act quickly on the
2 recommendations of the International Trade Commission
3 regarding the domestic steel industry.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of the American steel
5 industry and home to the country's largest steel producers,
6 including United States Steel Corporation and Bethlehem Steel
7 Corporation, and home to the United Steelworkers of America; and

8 WHEREAS, The steel industry remains vital to the economy and
9 national security of the United States and provides family-
10 sustaining jobs for 60,000 Pennsylvanians as well as health care
11 and pensions for an additional 150,000 Pennsylvania families;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Since the steel industry crisis began in 1998, 28
14 steel companies, half of all active steel companies in the

1 United States, have filed for bankruptcy; and

2 WHEREAS, Steel stock values continue to plummet and illegal
3 steel imports continue to be dumped on our shores, threatening
4 the future of the entire industry; and

5 WHEREAS, United States Steel Corporation, Bethlehem Steel
6 Corporation and the United Steelworkers of America are prepared
7 to work together in the spirit of cooperation with Federal
8 Government leadership to build a strong and globally competitive
9 steel industry; and

10 WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance that action be taken
11 quickly by the Federal Government to help the domestic steel
12 industry recover and that such action provide for the relief,
13 consolidation and rebuilding of the American steel industry;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
16 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President, pursuant
17 to the serious injury findings by the International Trade
18 Commission and the recommendation for remedy, to take swift
19 action to implement substantial tariffs covering the full range
20 of products where injury has been found by the International
21 Trade Commission; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urge the President to
23 take any additional steps that are necessary to rebuild a strong
24 and globally competitive United States steel industry; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
27 the President of the United States, Vice President Dick Cheney,
28 Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans, the members of Congress from
29 Pennsylvania and Governor Mark Schweiker.