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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, MARCH 6,
2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a Select Committee on Trade Policy, providing for a
2 report and requesting that the Governor provide copies of all
3 international trade agreement proposals.

4 WHEREAS, International trade has a significant impact upon
5 this Commonwealth's economy, affecting job growth in employment
6 related directly and indirectly to trade, affecting unemployment
7 due to expanding foreign businesses and impacting the
8 competition and costs of goods to consumers; and

9 WHEREAS, The Federal Government provides copies of
10 international trade agreements to governors for their comments;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, As many agreements take effect in a timely fashion,
13 there is a need for state governments to make rapid analysis and
14 comment on matters involving these agreements; and

15 WHEREAS, The conditions imposed in some international trade
16 agreements have the ability to supersede state laws and state
17 court decisions; and

1 WHEREAS, North Carolina, Maine, California and Washington
2 have established legislative committees to oversee international
3 trade, as states are recognizing their role in influencing trade
4 policies; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish a
6 Select Committee on Trade Policy to study trade policies and to
7 develop a mechanism for rapid legislative responses to proposed
8 trade agreements; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Select Committee report its findings and
10 recommendations on legislative oversight and participation in
11 trade policies to the House of Representatives within 90 days of
12 the adoption of this resolution; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request that the
14 Governor provide the Select Committee with copies of all
15 international trade agreement proposals.