
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY OLASZ, CESSAR, CLARK, MANDERINO, COLAFELLA,
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KUKOVICH, CAWLEY, TIGUE, FRAZIER, BLAUM, DeWEESE, GRUITZA,
ZWIKL, RASCO AND DOMBROWSKI, FEBRUARY 2, 1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS,
FEBRUARY 2, 1982

In the House of Representatives, February 2, 1982

1 WHEREAS, Basic steel is an essential industrial material and,
2 therefore, the domestic industry is a strategic resource
3 necessary to national defense; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States can, and must, maintain an
5 adequate level of self-sufficiency and production capability in
6 basic steel, including a skilled and adequate labor force; and

7 WHEREAS, The economic base of the basic steel industry has
8 been seriously eroded in recent years by the damaging flow of
9 imports of steel and products containing these materials; and

10 WHEREAS, Under pressure of excessive imports, unemployment
11 has climbed as high as forty percent in the steel industry
12 during recent years; and

13 WHEREAS, American privately-owned steel producers compete in
14 the marketplace with foreign companies which are government-

1 owned, subsidized, or directed and do not have to meet the
2 disciplines of our free-market system; and

3 WHEREAS, The steel industry has always favored development of
4 open, fair, and mutually beneficial world trade; it is not
5 protectionist; and

6 WHEREAS, The problem of assuring that foreign companies
7 compete fairly and legally confronts the steel industry, many
8 other industries, and our entire economy. As the major open-
9 world market, our Nation faces industrial stagnation, reduced
10 job opportunities, and a declining standard of living, unless
11 new understandings and rules relating to trade can be developed
12 with foreign governments; and

13 WHEREAS, The steel industry is experiencing massive layoffs
14 due to the unfair dumping of foreign steel; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
16 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President of
17 the United States and the Congress to impose steel import
18 limitations under the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974.