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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

A Resolution urging the Iowa congressional delegation to support and work to implement the renewal of the trade promotion authority of the President of the United States.

WHEREAS, since 1974, Presidents of the United States used trade promotion authority, formerly known as fast track authority, to negotiate trade agreements that reduced barriers to American exports in foreign markets; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has been without trade promotion authority since 1994; and

WHEREAS, it is increasingly difficult for the United States to actively participate in the international trade arena; and

WHEREAS, of the current 130 multilateral trade agreements in the world, most of which were signed since 1990, the United States is party to only two, the European Union is party to 27, and Mexico is party to 28; and

WHEREAS, under trade promotion authority, trade agreements are submitted to Congress for approval or disapproval under rules barring committee or floor amendments; and

WHEREAS, trade promotion authority does not give the President of the United States a blank check to negotiate trade agreements, nor does it undermine the constitutional prerogatives of Congress; and

WHEREAS, if the President of the United States

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1 cannot wield trade promotion authority, no country
2 will initiate serious trade negotiations with the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, trade promotion authority guarantees that
5 trade accords negotiated in good faith with the
6 President of the United States will not be changed
7 later by Congress; and

8 WHEREAS, the free trade agreements achieved under
9 trade promotion authority have provided tangible
10 benefits for the American economy; and

11 WHEREAS, trade is vitally important to Iowa's
12 agricultural economy and Iowa family farmers as Iowa
13 sold \$3.2 billion of agricultural products to export
14 markets in 1999, about 30 percent of the total value
15 of Iowa's agricultural production; NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa
17 congressional delegation is urged to support and work
18 to implement renewal of the trade promotion authority
19 of the President of the United States; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That official copies of
21 this Resolution be sent to the members of the Iowa
22 congressional delegation.

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1 Amend Senate Resolution 52 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, by inserting after line 10 the
3 following:

4 "WHEREAS, child labor protections, labor rights
5 considerations, and environmental protection
6 considerations are issues of great significance which
7 should be addressed in any trade agreement entered
8 into by the United States; and".

9 2. Page 2, by inserting after line 19 the
10 following:

11 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in working to
12 implement a renewal of the trade promotion authority
13 of the President of the United States, the Iowa
14 congressional delegation is urged to support the
15 inclusion of a requirement upon the President of the
16 United States to make child labor protections, labor
17 rights considerations, and environmental protections
18 considerations a part of any trade agreement
19 negotiation conducted under the trade promotion
20 authority; and".

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