

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 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, child labor protections, labor rights
12 considerations, and environmental protection
13 considerations are issues of great significance which
14 should be addressed in any trade agreement entered
15 into by the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, trade is vitally important to Iowa's
17 agricultural economy and Iowa family farmers as Iowa
18 sold \$3.2 billion of agricultural products to export
19 markets in 1999, about 30 percent of the total value
20 of Iowa's agricultural production; NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa
22 congressional delegation is urged to support and work
23 to implement renewal of the trade promotion authority
24 of the President of the United States; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in working to
26 implement a renewal of the trade promotion authority
27 of the President of the United States, the Iowa
28 congressional delegation is urged to support the
29 inclusion of a requirement upon the President of the
30 United States to make child labor protections, labor

1 rights considerations, and environmental protections
2 considerations a part of any trade agreement
3 negotiation conducted under the trade promotion
4 authority; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That official copies of
6 this Resolution be sent to the members of the Iowa
7 congressional delegation.

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