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Senate Joint Resolution

No. 29

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 29—Relative to the aerospace industry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 29, as amended, Wright. Aerospace industry: C-17 production.

This measure would urge the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Department of Defense to take immediate and necessary actions to protect national security by ensuring continuation of C-17 production to meet future domestic and international airlift needs and to preserve the crown jewel of the American industrial base.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Effective military and global humanitarian missions
- 2 require that the United States military be able to maintain and have
- 3 access to 21st century airlifters that are prepared to respond on a
- 4 moment's notice anywhere in the world to any and all needs; and

1 WHEREAS, Anticipating the need for additional proven and
2 highly capable airlifters, extending C-17 production is in the best
3 interest of the American people; and

4 WHEREAS, C-5 retirement restrictions in the National Defense
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 hinder the Air Force's
6 latitude to more efficiently manage its strategic airlift fleet; and

7 WHEREAS, The C-17 fleet is one of the United States military's
8 most successful acquisition programs with an outstanding record
9 of on-budget and ahead-of-schedule deliveries to the Air Force;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The increased activities of United States military
12 presence worldwide has made the C-17 the preeminent airlifter
13 for the efficient deployment of troops and cargo to locations around
14 the globe; and

15 WHEREAS, The humanitarian aid offered in the wake of the
16 9/11 terrorist attack, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Asian
17 tsunami, the Pakistan earthquake, the Chinese earthquake, the
18 Myanmar cyclone, and the Haiti earthquake has been supported
19 by the C-17's ability to rapidly deliver critical supplies and
20 equipment to victims of natural disasters; and

21 WHEREAS, Without a commitment to extend aircraft
22 production, the C-17 supply base will ~~start~~ *begin* to disappear in
23 2011 and the production line in Long Beach will close in the
24 summer of 2012; and

25 WHEREAS, The C-17 has provided work for over 650 suppliers
26 in 44 states, resulting in \$5.8 billion being added annually to the
27 nation's economy. For California, a shutdown of the production
28 line would have an impact on 13,857 jobs, 384 suppliers, and a
29 statewide economic impact of \$2 billion annually; and

30 WHEREAS, Despite its record of success and proven reliability
31 for the United States military, the C-17 is caught in the middle of
32 Washington, D.C.'s complex budgetary process with the future of
33 the aircraft, over 30,000 American jobs, and the industrial base it
34 supports in jeopardy; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
36 *California, jointly,* That the California Legislature urges the
37 President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the
38 Department of Defense to take immediate and necessary actions
39 to protect this national security asset by ensuring continuation of
40 C-17 production to meet future domestic and international airlift

1 needs and to preserve the crown jewel of the American industrial
2 base; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
5 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
6 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
7 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
8 States.

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