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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 53

Introduced by Senator Corbett

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 53, as amended, Corbett. New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc.

This measure would make various statements regarding the importance of New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI) to the California economy and would declare the necessity for the Legislature to utilize its vested powers to keep NUMMI in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature is currently convening in special
2 session to address the state's fiscal emergency; and

3 WHEREAS, The Legislature must employ its vested powers to
4 protect the state's workers and industries; and

5 WHEREAS, California once boasted eight automobile
6 manufacturing plants within its borders; and

7 WHEREAS, The one remaining automobile manufacturing plant
8 in the western United States resides in Fremont, California; and

9 WHEREAS, This one remaining plant, New United Motor
10 Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI), represents a 50-50 joint venture
11 formed in 1984 between General Motors Corporation and Toyota
12 Motor Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, General Motors recently declared bankruptcy,
14 thereby relinquishing its shares in NUMMI to Toyota or any other
15 entity willing to purchase those shares; and

16 WHEREAS, NUMMI produces approximately 250,000 cars
17 and 170,000 trucks on an annual basis; and

18 WHEREAS, NUMMI employs nearly 4,700 workers who live
19 throughout the San Francisco Bay area and, through its purchase
20 of supplies, supports over 15,000 more workers throughout the
21 state; and

22 WHEREAS, The closure of NUMMI would cause destructive
23 reverberations throughout California's economy; and

24 WHEREAS, NUMMI supports local economies and major
25 industries in all areas of the state by purchasing products from
26 over 1,000 suppliers, vendors, and small-parts manufacturers,
27 totaling \$523 million in annual payroll and benefits; and

28 WHEREAS, Shipping industries such as the Port of Oakland
29 and the Union Pacific Railroad greatly depend on the existence of
30 NUMMI; and

31 WHEREAS, The loss of NUMMI from California would have
32 a longstanding and devastating impact on the people of the state;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, As a state, California is Toyota's largest market;
35 now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
37 *thereof concurring,* That it is the Legislature's priority to take swift
38 and decisive action to protect its workers and industries; and be it
39 further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the necessity to utilize
- 2 its vested powers to keep NUMMI in California; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.