

**Introduced by Senators Emmerson, Berryhill, DeSaulnier, Liu,
Steinberg, Walters, and Wright**

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 16—Relative to trade relations with Europe.

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SJR 16, as introduced, Emmerson. Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

This measure would urge the President and United States Senate to negotiate and ratify, respectively, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement with the European Union.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States and the European Union are
2 each other’s largest trading and investment partners. The United
3 States and European Union economies combined account for nearly
4 half the entire world Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and for nearly
5 a third of the world’s trade flows. The United States possesses
6 21.6 percent of the world’s GDP and the European Union possesses
7 25.1 percent of the world’s GDP; and
8 WHEREAS, The transatlantic relationship between the United
9 States and European Union also defines the shape of the global
10 economy as a whole. Either the United States or the European
11 Union is the largest trade and investment partner for almost all
12 other countries in the global economy; and
13 WHEREAS, Each day, goods and services worth \$2.7 billion
14 are traded between the United States and European Union,
15 promoting economic growth and supporting millions of jobs in

1 both economies. The United States and European Union have
2 directly invested more than \$3.7 trillion on both sides of the
3 Atlantic; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States is comprised of 315 million
5 inhabitants, and the European Union is comprised of 508 million
6 inhabitants; and

7 WHEREAS, Total United States investment in the European
8 Union is three times higher than in all of Asia, while European
9 Union investment in the United States is around eight times the
10 amount of European Union investment in India and China together;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A successfully negotiated Transatlantic Trade and
13 Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement would boost economic
14 growth in both the United States and European Union and would
15 greatly add to the over 13 million American and European jobs
16 already supported by transatlantic trade and investment; and

17 WHEREAS, Estimates predict that a landmark TTIP agreement
18 between the United States and European Union could have
19 enormous benefits, with up to 2 percent or \$650 billion of
20 additional GDP on both sides. Early findings indicate that the TTIP
21 agreement would increase California exports to the European
22 Union by up to 25 percent and create 65,000 new California jobs;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Ratification of the TTIP agreement would benefit
25 the United States and European Union trade relationship by doing
26 all of the following:

27 (a) Further opening markets to grow the \$459 billion in United
28 States goods and services exports to the European Union - the
29 largest export market for the United States.

30 (b) Strengthening rules-based investment to grow the world's
31 largest investment relationship.

32 (c) Seeking to both eliminate all tariffs on trade, and tackle costly
33 nontariff barriers that impede the flow of goods and services trade.

34 (d) Seeking to significantly cut the cost of differences in
35 regulation and standards by promoting greater compatibility,
36 transparency and cooperation.

37 (e) Promoting the global competitiveness of small- and
38 medium-sized enterprises; now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
40 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urge the President of the

1 United States and the United States Senate to respectively negotiate
2 and ratify the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
3 agreement; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
5 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
6 States, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, to each
7 Senator from California in the Congress of the United States, and
8 to the author for appropriate distribution.

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