

**Senate Joint Resolution**

**No. 29**

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**Introduced by Senators Wright, Aanestad, Ashburn, Cogdill, Correa, Cox, Dutton, Harman, Hollingsworth, Huff, Maldonado, Runner, Strickland, Walters, and Wyland**

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

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, The humanitarian aid offered in the wake of the  
13 9/11 terrorist attack, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Asian  
14 tsunami, the Pakistan earthquake, the Chinese earthquake, the  
15 Myanmar cyclone, and the Haiti earthquake has been supported  
16 by the C-17's ability to rapidly deliver critical supplies and  
17 equipment to victims of natural disasters; and

18 WHEREAS, Without a commitment to extend aircraft  
19 production, the C-17 supply base will start to disappear in 2011  
20 and the production line in Long Beach will close in the summer  
21 of 2012; and

22 WHEREAS, The C-17 has provided work for over 650 suppliers  
23 in 44 states, resulting in \$5.8 billion being added annually to the  
24 nation's economy. For California, a shutdown of the production  
25 ~~line would have an impact on 4,100 direct and 6,500 indirect jobs~~  
26 ~~among our 348 suppliers or a statewide economic impact of \$8.4~~  
27 ~~line would have an impact on 13,857 jobs, 384 suppliers, and a~~  
28 ~~statewide economic impact of \$2 billion annually; and~~

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

34 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
35 *California, jointly,* That the California Legislature urges the  
36 President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the  
37 Department of Defense to take immediate and necessary actions  
38 to protect this national security asset by ensuring continuation of  
39 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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