

House Joint Memorial 14

Sponsored by Representative CLEM (at the request of Jamie Jackson)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to end United States participation in Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America.

JOINT MEMORIAL

1 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
2 States of America, in Congress assembled:

3 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legis-
4 lative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

5 Whereas the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, launched in March 2005,
6 as a partnership with Mexico and Canada, aims to integrate United States laws with Mexican and
7 Canadian laws on a broad range of issues, from agriculture to open borders; and

8 Whereas this trilateral partnership has never been presented to Congress as an agreement or
9 a treaty or for public debate; and

10 Whereas the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America has had virtually no Con-
11 gressional oversight and violates section 1, Article I, and section 2, Article II of the United States
12 Constitution, by usurping power delegated to Congress and bypassing Congress; and

13 Whereas requests made under the Freedom of Information Act have produced thousands of pages
14 of information from the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America office in the United
15 States Department of Commerce that prove that our government has cooperated with Mexico and
16 Canada on a broad range of policy issues, is rewriting United States laws and is appointing
17 ministers without public disclosure or Congressional approval; and

18 Whereas documents and information posted on government websites indicate that a wide range
19 of Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America ministers from the United States Depart-
20 ments of State, Commerce, Homeland Security, Energy, the Treasury, Agriculture, Transportation
21 and Health and Human Services are actively harmonizing and integrating United States adminis-
22 trative regulations with the administrative regulations of Mexico and Canada; and

23 Whereas state and local governments throughout this country might be negatively impacted by
24 provisions of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, such as the increasing
25 openness of the borders of the United States, which could result in increased law enforcement
26 problems; and

27 Whereas United States policy, not foreign consortiums, should be used to control our national
28 borders and to ensure that this country's national security is not compromised; now, therefore,

29 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

30 (1) The Congress of the United States of America is respectfully requested to strongly consider
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1 ending United States participation in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and
2 to reject participation in any other bilateral or multilateral partnerships that bypass Congress or
3 compromise the sovereignty of the United States.

4 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate
5 Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon
6 Congressional Delegation.

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