

Senate Joint Memorial 9

Sponsored by Senators ROBLAN, HANSELL

SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to ratify United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.
Urges President of United States to remove steel and aluminum tariffs on Canada and Mexico.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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

4 We, your memorialists, the Eightieth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative
5 session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the United States and Canada are steadfast allies, working together to protect the
7 homeland while partnering on global peace and security; and

8 Whereas Canada has fought alongside the United States in defense of our common values in
9 World Wars I and II, the Cold War and conflicts in Korea, the Balkans, the Middle East and
10 Afghanistan; and

11 Whereas the United States and Canada have one of the largest trading relationships in the
12 world, and Canada is the largest export market for the United States, valued at \$341.7 billion in
13 goods and services in 2017; and

14 Whereas the United States is Canada's largest export market, valued at \$338.9 billion in goods
15 and services in 2017; and

16 Whereas free, fair, open and mutually beneficial trade between the United States and Canada
17 will continue to strengthen the economies of both nations; and

18 Whereas in 2017, trade between the United States and Canada averaged more than \$1.86 billion
19 in goods and services per day, supporting millions of jobs in the United States and Canada; and

20 Whereas since the United States, Canada and Mexico entered into the North American Free
21 Trade Agreement (NAFTA), trade among the three nations has tripled from \$340 billion in 1993 to
22 \$1.1 trillion in 2017; and

23 Whereas on March 8, 2018, the President of the United States announced, pursuant to Section
24 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, tariffs of 25 percent on steel and 10 percent on aluminum
25 for national security reasons; and

26 Whereas Canada and Mexico were initially granted waivers from the Section 232 tariffs on steel
27 and aluminum, but effective June 1, 2018, the United States revoked those waivers; and

28 Whereas on June 5, 2018, Mexico imposed retaliatory tariffs on \$3 billion of U.S. products, and
29 on July 1, 2018, Canada imposed retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products totaling \$12.8 billion; and

30 Whereas Canada and Mexico have committed to lifting the retaliatory tariffs as soon as the
31 United States removes the Section 232 tariffs; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Whereas the Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum harm industries and workers on both
2 sides of the Canada-U.S. border, disrupting linked supply chains that have made North American
3 steel and aluminum more competitive around the world; and

4 Whereas NAFTA has helped to make North America more competitive in the world economy
5 by providing highly integrated and valuable supply chains, common rules and harmonized regu-
6 lations that increase the speed and global competitiveness of business, driving investment and cre-
7 ating value in each country's economic success and providing jobs in North American communities
8 that depend on efficient and effective supply chains; and

9 Whereas Canada (\$20.6 billion) and Mexico (\$18.6 billion) are the largest and third-largest export
10 markets for U.S. agricultural products; and

11 Whereas since NAFTA was signed, agricultural exports from the United States have increased
12 from \$8.7 billion in 1992 to \$39 billion in 2017; and

13 Whereas Canada was Oregon's second-largest trading partner in 2017, with total exports of \$2.7
14 billion in goods and services annually, representing more than 98,100 jobs in Oregon; and

15 Whereas Canada has agreed to grade imports of U.S. wheat in a manner no less favorable than
16 Canadian wheat, and to not require a country of origin statement on its quality grade or inspection
17 certificates; and

18 Whereas the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) makes targeted improvements
19 to NAFTA that build on the enormously successful North American partnership and our shared
20 competitiveness in the global marketplace; and

21 Whereas the USMCA was signed by the leaders of all three nations on November 30, 2018, but
22 it remains to be ratified by each nation's legislative body; now, therefore,

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

24 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, support the United States-
25 Mexico-Canada Agreement and we respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to ratify the
26 agreement as soon as possible; and be it further

27 Resolved, That we respectfully urge the President of the United States to immediately remove
28 the Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs on Canada and Mexico; and be it further

29 Resolved, That we call on Canada and Mexico to remove retaliatory tariffs on all U.S. goods;
30 and be it further

31 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States, to the
32 Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the
33 Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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