

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 2

Introduced by Assembly Member Havice

February 1, 2001

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2—Relative to the defense industry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 2, as introduced, Havice. Defense industry.

This measure would memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States, the Energy Secretary, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order interstate power generators to supply this state with the adequate flow of electricity necessary to sustain national security and the military preparedness of the defense industry. The measure would further memorialize Congress to act through legislation to designate the various contractors now engaged in vital defense work for this nation as “operating in the national interest.”

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California is host to a vast array of manufacturing
- 2 and support industries essential to America's military
- 3 preparedness and national security, not the least of which are plants
- 4 engaged in the planning and production of the C-17 Globemaster
- 5 airlift plane, the Delta II Rocket, the F-18 fighter, and other
- 6 aerospace products; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The current electrical supply crisis has negatively
- 8 impacted the state's vast military industrial contractors and has
- 9 resulted in temporary shutdowns and slowdowns of production
- 10 lines due to the price and availability of electricity; and

1 WHEREAS, Plant shutdowns and slowdowns due to energy
2 policies threaten the viability of our state's military industrial
3 complex, precisely at a time when California must gear up to meet
4 the demands of the incoming administration's renewed focus on
5 defense projects, including a missile defense and the joint strike
6 fighter; and

7 WHEREAS, Energy regulators are empowered to issue rules
8 that delineate who is exempted from involuntary electric service
9 outages and interruptions; and

10 WHEREAS, Those actions may bypass the Congress of the
11 United States' role in explicitly protecting sectors of the economy
12 from electric service interruptions through the designation of a
13 given sector as being essential to the national interest; and

14 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the Congress of the United
15 States act through legislation to designate the various contractors
16 now engaged in vital defense work for this nation as "operating in
17 the national interest," thereby protecting these businesses from the
18 threat of electric service interruption or from higher rates as a
19 consequence of noninterruption, owing to the current energy crisis
20 in California; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved* by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California,
22 jointly, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the
23 President and the Congress of the United States, the Energy
24 Secretary, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to
25 order interstate power generators to supply this state with the
26 adequate flow of electricity necessary to sustain national security
27 and the military preparedness of the defense industry; and be it
28 further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the
30 Congress of the United States to act through legislation to
31 designate the various contractors now engaged in vital defense
32 work for this nation as "operating in the national interest"; and be
33 it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
36 States, to each Senator and Representative from California in the
37 Congress of the United States, and to the Secretaries of Defense,
38 State, Energy, and Commerce, as well as to the members of the
39 State Public Utilities Commission, the members of the California
40 Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission,



1 and the members of the governing board of the Independent
2 System Operator.

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