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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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~~ recent electrical supply crisis has
8 negatively impacted the state’s vast military industrial contractors

1 and has resulted in temporary shutdowns and slowdowns of
2 production lines due to the price and availability of electricity; and

3 WHEREAS, ~~Plant In the event that a future energy crisis occurs,~~
4 ~~plant~~ shutdowns and slowdowns due to energy policies threaten
5 the viability of our state's military industrial complex, precisely at
6 ~~a time when California must gear up to meet the demands of the~~
7 ~~incoming administration's renewed focus on defense projects,~~
8 ~~including a missile defense and the joint strike fighter; and~~
9 ~~complex; and~~

10 WHEREAS, *The security of our nation places constant demands*
11 *of readiness upon California's utility industries; and*

12 WHEREAS, Energy regulators are empowered to issue rules
13 that delineate who is exempted from involuntary electric service
14 outages and interruptions; and

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

19 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the Congress of the United
20 States act through legislation to designate the various contractors
21 now engaged in ~~vital defense advanced military hardware~~
22 ~~technology~~ work for this nation as "operating in the national
23 interest," thereby protecting these businesses from the ~~threat of~~
24 ~~electric service interruption or from higher rates as a consequence~~
25 ~~of noninterruption, owing to the current energy crisis in~~
26 ~~California; now, therefore, be it~~

27 ~~Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California,~~
28 ~~jointly, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the~~
29 ~~President and the Congress of the United States, the Energy~~
30 ~~Secretary, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to~~
31 ~~order interstate power generators to supply this state with the~~
32 ~~adequate flow of electricity necessary to sustain national security~~
33 ~~and the military preparedness of the defense industry; and be it~~
34 ~~further threat of electric service interruption, owing to the lessons~~
35 ~~of the past and the possibility of future energy disruptions; now,~~
36 ~~therefore, be it~~

37 Resolved, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the
38 Congress of the United States to act through legislation to
39 designate the various contractors now engaged in vital defense



1 work for this nation as “operating in the national interest”; and be
2 it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
5 States, to each Senator and Representative from California in the
6 Congress of the United States, and to the Secretaries of Defense,
7 State, Energy, and Commerce, as well as to the members of the
8 State Public Utilities Commission, the members of the California
9 Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission,
10 and the members of the governing board of the Independent
11 System Operator.

