

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 27, 2000

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 74**

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**Introduced by Senator Hayden**

March 27, 2000

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 74—Relative to the Joint Committee on California’s Role in the World Trade Organization.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 74, as amended, Hayden. Joint Committee on California’s Role in the World Trade Organization.

This measure would create the Joint Committee on California’s Role in the World Trade Organization, and would specify its duties and responsibilities. The joint committee, which would be composed of 5 members from each house of the Legislature, would be authorized to act until November 30, ~~2004~~ 2002, at which time its existence would terminate.

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- 1 WHEREAS, California’s state and local governments
- 2 have significant national and global influence through
- 3 their elected leadership and innovative legislation
- 4 affecting economic, technological, environmental, and
- 5 civil rights policies; and
- 6 WHEREAS, California is a world trade leader and the
- 7 seventh largest economic power in the world; and
- 8 WHEREAS, It is desirable that California’s elected
- 9 leadership participate to the fullest extent possible in
- 10 national and international decisionmaking processes

1 involving trade bodies whose determinations will affect  
2 California's economy, quality of life, and constitutional  
3 power to enact laws concerning economic development,  
4 procurement and trade, the environment, public health,  
5 labor standards, and human rights; and

6 WHEREAS, International trade bodies and protocols  
7 such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the  
8 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)  
9 provide ~~a positive~~ *an* opportunity for California's export  
10 interests and global leadership aspirations, but provide a  
11 serious challenge to California's right to enact legislation  
12 to protect its procurement and trade policies, labor  
13 standards, and environment; and

14 WHEREAS, International trade agreements create  
15 new requirements for conformity of California's laws and  
16 regulations to international standards and conditions that  
17 are adjudicated in closed tribunals lacking any  
18 representation for affected states; and

19 WHEREAS, The implications of WTO, NAFTA, and  
20 other trade protocols affecting state and federal  
21 relationships, and executive and legislative relationships,  
22 deserve the fullest scrutiny and public attention; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*  
25 *Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Joint Committee  
26 on California's Role in the World Trade Organization is  
27 hereby established, and shall perform all of the following  
28 duties:

29 (a) Convene public hearings to assess and monitor the  
30 impact of all international trade agreements and  
31 covenants that may impact California's economy,  
32 procurement and trade policies, environment, and public  
33 health and human rights concerns.

34 (b) Ensure the broad participation of affected  
35 constituencies in public dialogue on the implications of  
36 international trade agreements for California.

37 (c) Receive and review reports from the Secretary of  
38 the Trade and Commerce Agency on the implications of  
39 international trade agreements for California laws and  
40 the economy.



1 (d) Receive and review reports on the implications of  
2 WTO and NAFTA agreements for California from the  
3 Director of Industrial Relations, the Secretary for  
4 Environmental Protection, the Director of Consumer  
5 Affairs, the State Director of Health Services, and the  
6 Office of the Attorney General.

7 (e) Study, monitor, and review the impacts of  
8 international trade agreements on California and, with  
9 input from the Secretary of the Trade and Commerce  
10 Agency, to make recommendations to the appropriate  
11 legislative committees regarding legislation or joint  
12 resolutions addressing those impacts at the state or  
13 federal level.

14 (f) Study, monitor, and review policies of the  
15 Governor and various executive agencies concerning  
16 economic development, procurement and trade,  
17 environmental protection, public health, and human  
18 rights, and, with input from the Governor and the  
19 executive agencies, to make recommendations to  
20 appropriate legislative committees regarding legislation  
21 or joint resolutions to ensure, at the state and federal  
22 level, that those policies are not weakened by  
23 international trade agreements; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on California's  
25 Role in the World Trade Organization shall consist of five  
26 Members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate  
27 Committee on Rules, and five Members of the Assembly,  
28 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, ~~and that the~~  
29 ~~members of the committee shall select a chair from~~  
30 ~~among its members; and be it further.~~ *A Member of the*  
31 *Senate shall chair the committee; and be it further*

32 *Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on California's  
33 Role in the World Trade Organization and its members  
34 shall have and exercise all of the rights, duties, and powers  
35 conferred upon investigating committees and their  
36 members by the provisions of the Joint Rules of the Senate  
37 and the Assembly as they are adopted and amended from  
38 time to time, which provisions are incorporated herein  
39 and made applicable to this committee and its members;  
40 and be it further



1 *Resolved*, That the Senate Committee on Rules ~~and the~~  
2 ~~Assembly Committee on Rules shall each make available~~  
3 ~~may make money available~~ from the Senate Operating  
4 Fund ~~and the Assembly Operating Fund an equal amount~~  
5 ~~of money as deemed as it deems~~ necessary for the  
6 expenses of the Joint Committee on California's Role in  
7 the World Trade Organization and its members. Any  
8 expenditure of money shall be made in compliance with  
9 policies set forth by the Senate ~~Committee on Rules and~~  
10 ~~the Assembly Committee on Rules and shall be subject to~~  
11 ~~approval by the respective rules committee; and be it~~  
12 ~~further~~ *Committee on Rules and shall be subject to the*  
13 *approval of the Senate Committee on Rules; and be it*  
14 *further*

15 *Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on California's  
16 Role in the World Trade Organization shall, within 15  
17 days of authorization and consistent with the normal  
18 annual appropriation process for funding legislative  
19 committees, present its initial budget to the Senate  
20 Committee on Rules and the Assembly Committee on  
21 Rules for their review, comment, and approval; and be it  
22 further

23 *Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on California's  
24 Role in the World Trade Organization is authorized to act  
25 until November 30, ~~2004~~ 2002, at which time the  
26 committee's existence shall terminate.

