

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges the President and Congress to support a free trade agreement between the Republic of China on Taiwan and the United States. (BDR R-1340)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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1 WHEREAS, It is our belief that it is this country's responsibility
2 to promote the values of freedom and democracy, a commitment to
3 open markets and the free exchange of goods and ideas both at
4 home and abroad, and the Republic of China on Taiwan shares these
5 values and has struggled throughout the past 50 years to create what
6 is an open and thriving democracy; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite the fact that Taiwan is a member of the
8 World Trade Organization, it has no formal trade agreement with
9 the United States, yet Taiwan has emerged as the United States'
10 eighth largest trading partner, the United States is Taiwan's largest
11 trading partner and American businesses have benefited greatly
12 from this dynamic trade relationship; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan has emerged over the past two decades as
14 one of the United States' most important allies in Asia and
15 throughout the world; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan has forged an open, market-based economy
17 and a thriving democracy based on free elections and the freedom of
18 dissent, and it is in the interest of the United States to encourage the
19 development of both these institutions; and



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1 WHEREAS, The United States has an obligation to its allies and
2 to its own citizens to encourage economic growth, market opening
3 and the destruction of trade barriers as a means of raising living
4 standards across the board; and

5 WHEREAS, A free trade agreement with Taiwan would be a
6 positive step toward accomplishing all of these goals; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
9 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature
10 hereby urge President George W. Bush and Congress to support a
11 free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
14 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
15 States, the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of
16 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
17 Representatives, the United States Secretary of State, the Director
18 General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San
19 Francisco, the Executive Director of the Las Vegas Taiwanese
20 Chamber of Commerce and the members of the Nevada
21 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
23 passage.

