

begin bilateral discussions with the exporting countries currently responsible for the disruptions in the US steel market, with a goal towards establishing voluntary export limitations, similar to those which the European Union has had in place with its East European trading partners.

EXERCISE LEVERAGE

Our trade negotiators should use every possible forum to alert our trading partners to the nature and depth of injury their policies are causing the US steel industry.

US trade negotiators should warn of potentially severe steel import limitations emanating from trade cases, and suggest that offending governments and their industries take immediate action to alleviate US market disruptions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Mr. Chairman, and the other Members of the Steel Caucus, we would like to express our appreciation for the concurrent resolution you intend to introduce "calling on the President to take all necessary measures to respond to the surge of steel imports." We shall urge the Members of Congress in those states and districts in which our member companies have plants to support this resolution. In addition, we urge the Congressional Steel Caucus to press the Administration to initiate bilateral discussions with the countries that have caused this problem, in order to provide us with some potential for prompt relief.

Thank you for your continuing support and for the opportunity to address the Congressional Steel Caucus on this urgent matter.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce my support of House Resolution 598, introduced by Mr. TRAFICANT. I am pleased that today Members have an opportunity to vote on a tough, reasonable House Resolution addressing this issue.

The leadership has been negotiating almost around the clock with the Clinton administration on the budget, so I appreciate their attention to this also very important matter of aiding the U.S. steel industry.

With all the budget talks going on, why have we members of the Congressional Steel Caucus pressed so hard for a vote on steel in these last days of the session? It is because the U.S. steel industry is in a crisis. It is too late to make leisurely proposals as if we were addressing a problem of the future. The problem is NOW; orders to U.S. steel companies are at 50% of normal NOW; families are out of work NOW.

Some oppose a one-year ban on certain foreign steel products and say that such an action is too strong. Consider these two facts: (1) U.S. companies wishing to file a trade petition about dumping must first spend six months gathering data so that their case will be taken seriously; (2) there is approximately six months of foreign steel currently piled up in ports from Alabama to Maryland to Ohio.

Voting yes on this resolution is the very least we should do as Members of Congress to help a U.S. industry which is unfairly being sacrificed in the name of global stability. I have said before and say again—it is wrong to kill U.S. jobs for the purpose of keeping afloat foreign governments and economies.

The U.S. steel industry has streamlined and modernized. No one can compete against unfair, below production-cost prices. This resolution is similar to my bill H.R. 4762, and I commend Mr. TRAFICANT on his long-term leadership on this issue. Vote yes on this resolution to urge President Clinton to take immediate action. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, let us be clear, the government of South Korea provided Hanbo Steel with a \$6 billion subsidy to continue producing steel. Hanbo is producing the same steel that sits in our ports and results in American steel workers losing their jobs.

Its time we stand up for steel. If the South Koreans protect their workers at our expense, why do we stand back and allow them to continue this illegal act. It is an abomination. This has nothing to do with free trade and whether you support increased trade. This issue is about how we react when other nations take advantage of our strong economy and our market.

Its time to take a stand. I urge all members to support this resolution.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of H. Res. 598, I rise to speak in favor of the passage of this resolution, which expresses the sense of the House that provisions of the Trade and Tariff act of 1930 must be vigorously enforced.

We all know that several regions of the world are currently suffering from tremendous economic turmoil. Specifically, East Asia, Russia, and South America have all suffered catastrophic fiscal upheavals causing government and industry to take drastic action to save what little money they have.

One of the actions that countries such as Russia and Brazil have taken is to flood our markets with cheap imports. Those imports include steel, which has had a drastic effect on our industry here at home. Just this year, steel imports from Asia have increased 70%, and Russian importers are enjoying their highest-ever level of steel exports to the United States. The result is that the steel industry here at home has been forced to lower their prices in order to compete—20% in the last three months.

This resolution tries to remedy the situation by asking the government to vigorously enforce treaties that govern this type of trade, such as the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930. Although I am sympathetic to the plight of those countries, we must still vigorously enforce our laws to avoid desuetude and the entrenchment of a policy that does us substantial more harm than good.

H. Res. 598 also calls on the Administration to immediately review, for a period of ten days, the import of hot-rolled steel products into the United States from Japan, Russia, Brazil and numerous other countries that have been accused of dumping. This review would help us collect information that will affirm or deny whether or not these countries have been undercutting our industry.

To further enhance our understanding of the problem, the resolution also asks the Administration to establish a task force which would further investigate our importation practices, as they relate to steel, and verify whether or not our current trade agreements, treaties, and laws are being violated in any way. I applaud this effort, because it provides us with another resource for getting reliable information that is necessary for our assessment of the national economy.

Lastly, the resolution asks the Administration to provide us with a report, early next year, detailing what steps should be taken to ensure the enforcement of our laws and the protection of our steel industry. Hopefully, this report can be used to start a bipartisan and cooperative relationship with the Administra-

tion that can be used to make better foreign policy decisions for the benefit of all of our industries.

While we do live in a global economy, we are still a nation of laws—laws that must be respected and enforced by all who encounter them. I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution and the American worker.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the Chair will now put the question on the pending motion, and then each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Resolution 598, the pending motion;

- S. 1733, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 700, concurring in the Senate amendment, de novo;
- H.R. 4829, de novo;
- S. 2272, de novo;
- S. 2133, de novo; and
- S. 1132, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES ON TODAY

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (during consideration of H. Res. 598). Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to House Resolution 589, I hereby give notice of the following suspension to be considered today:

H.R. 2204, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997.

REGARDING STEEL IMPORTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is question is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 598.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 598.

The question was taken.

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 345, nays 44, not voting 45, as follows:

[Roll No. 532]

YEAS—345

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Andrews	Barcia	Bateman
Bachus	Barrett (NE)	Becerra
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 Brady (PA)  
 Brown (CA)  
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 Cannon  
 Capps  
 Cardin  
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 Christensen  
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 Clyburn  
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 Cook  
 Costello  
 Cox  
 Coyne  
 Cramer  
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 Cubin  
 Cummings  
 Cunningham  
 Danner  
 Davis (FL)  
 Davis (IL)  
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 DeGette  
 Delahunt  
 DeLauro  
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 Diaz-Balart  
 Dickey  
 Dicks  
 Dingell  
 Dixon  
 Doggett  
 Dooley  
 Doolittle  
 Doyle  
 Duncan  
 Edwards  
 Ehrlich  
 Emerson  
 Engel  
 English  
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 Eshoo  
 Etheridge  
 Evans  
 Everett  
 Ewing  
 Farr  
 Fattah  
 Fazio  
 Filner  
 Foley  
 Forbes  
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 Gibbons  
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 Hall (OH)  
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 Jackson (IL)  
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 (TX)  
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 Jenkins  
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 Johnson (CT)  
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 Johnson, Sam  
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 Redmond  
 Kennedy (MA)  
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 LaHood  
 Lampson  
 Latham  
 LaTourette  
 Lazio  
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 Lewis (CA)  
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 Shaw  
 Lucas  
 Luther  
 Maloney (CT)  
 Maloney (NY)  
 Manton  
 Markey  
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 McCarthy (MO)  
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 Moran (KS)  
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 Pappas  
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 Peterson (MN)  
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 Pickett  
 Pitts  
 Pombo  
 Pomeroy  
 Porter  
 Portman  
 Price (NC)  
 Quinn  
 Radanovich  
 Rahall  
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 Redmond  
 Regula  
 Reyes  
 Riggs  
 Riley  
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 Roybal-Allard  
 Rush  
 Ryun  
 Sabo  
 Salmon  
 Sanchez  
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 Sawyer  
 Saxton  
 Schaefer, Dan  
 Schaffer, Bob  
 Schumer  
 Scott  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Shaw  
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 Sherman  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Sisisky  
 Skaggs  
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 Smith, Linda  
 Snowbarger  
 Snyder  
 Solomon  
 Souder  
 Spence  
 Spratt  
 Stabenow  
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 Stenholm  
 Stokes  
 Strickland  
 Stupak  
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Tanner  
 Tauscher  
 Tauzin  
 Taylor (MS)  
 Thornberry  
 Thune  
 Thurman  
 Tiahrt  
 Tierney  
 Towns  
 Traficant  
 Turner

Upton  
 Velazquez  
 Vento  
 Visclosky  
 Walsh  
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 Watkins  
 Watt (NC)  
 Watts (OK)  
 Waxman  
 Weller  
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 Wise  
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 Woolsey  
 Wynn  
 Yates  
 Young (AK)  
 Young (FL)

pending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 1733.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1733, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 386, nays 1, not voting 47, as follows:

[Roll No. 533]  
 YEAS—386

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 Baldacci  
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 Barrett (NE)  
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 Bass  
 Bateman  
 Becerra  
 Bentsen  
 Bereuter  
 Berry  
 Bilbray  
 Bilirakis  
 Bishop  
 Blagojevich  
 Bliley  
 Blumenauer  
 Boehlert  
 Boehner  
 Bonilla  
 Bonior  
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 Borski  
 Boswell  
 Boucher  
 Boyd  
 Brady (PA)  
 Brady (TX)  
 Brown (CA)  
 Brown (FL)  
 Brown (OH)  
 Bryant  
 Bunning  
 Burton  
 Buyer  
 Calvert  
 Camp  
 Campbell  
 Canady  
 Cannon  
 Capps  
 Cardin  
 Carson  
 Castle  
 Chabot  
 Chambliss  
 Chenoweth  
 Christensen  
 Clay  
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 Clement  
 Clyburn  
 Coburn  
 Combest  
 Condit  
 Conyers  
 Cook  
 Costello  
 Cox  
 Coyne  
 Cramer  
 Crapo  
 Cubin  
 Cummings  
 Cunningham

Danner  
 Davis (FL)  
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 DeFazio  
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 DeLauro  
 DeLay  
 Deutsch  
 Diaz-Balart  
 Dickey  
 Dicks  
 Dingell  
 Dixon  
 Doggett  
 Dooley  
 Doolittle  
 Doyle  
 Dreier  
 Duncan  
 Dunn  
 Edwards  
 Ehrlich  
 Emerson  
 Engel  
 English  
 Ensign  
 Eshoo  
 Etheridge  
 Evans  
 Everett  
 Ewing  
 Farr  
 Fattah  
 Fazio  
 Filner  
 Foley  
 Forbes  
 Ford  
 Fossella  
 Fox  
 Franks (NJ)  
 Frelinghuysen  
 Gallegly  
 Ganske  
 Gejdenson  
 Gekas  
 Gephardt  
 Gibbons  
 Gilchrest  
 Gillmor  
 Gilman  
 Gonzalez  
 Goode  
 Goodlatte  
 Goodling  
 Gordon  
 Goss  
 Granger  
 Gutierrez  
 Gutknecht  
 Hall (OH)  
 Hall (TX)  
 Hamilton  
 Hansen  
 Harman  
 Hastert  
 Hastings (FL)  
 Hayworth  
 Hefley  
 Herger  
 Hilleary  
 Hilliard  
 Hinchey  
 Hinojosa  
 Hobson

Hoekstra  
 Holden  
 Hooley  
 Horn  
 Hostettler  
 Houghton  
 Hoyer  
 Hulshof  
 Hunter  
 Istook  
 Jackson (IL)  
 Jackson-Lee  
 (TX)  
 Jefferson  
 Jenkins  
 John  
 Johnson (CT)  
 Johnson (WI)  
 Johnson, Sam  
 Jones  
 Kanjorski  
 Kasich  
 Kennedy (MA)  
 Kennedy (RI)  
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 Kilpatrick  
 Kim  
 Kind (WI)  
 King (NY)  
 Kingston  
 Kleczka  
 Klink  
 Klug  
 Knollenberg  
 Kolbe  
 Kucinich  
 LaFalce  
 LaHood  
 Lampson  
 Latham  
 LaTourette  
 Lazio  
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 Lewis (GA)  
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 Livingston  
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 Lowey  
 Lucas  
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 Maloney (CT)  
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 McCarthy (MO)  
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 McKinney  
 McNulty  
 Meek (FL)  
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 Menendez  
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NAYS—44

Archer  
 Army  
 Ballenger  
 Barton  
 Bilbray  
 Bliley  
 Bono  
 Brady (TX)  
 Burr  
 Camp  
 Campbell  
 Coble  
 Crane  
 Davis (VA)  
 DeLay

Dreier  
 Dunn  
 Fawell  
 Fossella  
 Hayworth  
 Herger  
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 Hulshof  
 Knollenberg  
 Kolbe  
 Livingston  
 Manzullo  
 McCollum  
 Miller (FL)  
 Nethercutt

Northup  
 Packard  
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 Ramstad  
 Rogan  
 Rohrabacher  
 Royce  
 Sanford  
 Sessions  
 Shadegg  
 Smith (MI)  
 Stump  
 Sununu  
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NOT VOTING—45

Ackerman  
 Allen  
 Barr  
 Berman  
 Blunt  
 Callahan  
 Collins  
 Cooksey  
 Deal  
 Ehlers  
 Fowler  
 Frank (MA)  
 Frost  
 Furse  
 Graham

Green  
 Greenwood  
 Hastings (WA)  
 Hefner  
 Hutchinson  
 Hyde  
 Inglis  
 Johnson, E. B.  
 Kaptur  
 Kennelly  
 Lantos  
 Largent  
 Lipinski  
 McDade  
 McGovern

McIntosh  
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 Meehan  
 Pelosi  
 Peterson (PA)  
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 Scarborough  
 Taylor (NC)  
 Thompson  
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Messrs. ARCHER, THOMAS, SMITH of Michigan, COBLE, FOSSELLA, and BRADY of Texas changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 532, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings today.

DENIAL OF FOOD STAMPS FOR DECEASED INDIVIDUALS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of sus-