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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, It is critically important for job-creation and  
3 job-retention that the Illinois Domestic Products Act be  
4 observed in the use of public funds for investment in our  
5 nation's aging infrastructure, especially in Illinois where  
6 manufacturing is essential to the State's economy; and

7           WHEREAS, All State agencies are urged to discourage the  
8 outsourcing of manufacturing and the purchasing of products to  
9 the detriment of U.S. suppliers, including suppliers located in  
10 Illinois servicing those industries and businesses that  
11 receive public sector financial assistance; and

12           WHEREAS, Leaders of the National Governors Association  
13 (NGA) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCLS)  
14 have called on the new administration and Congress to take  
15 early action on the severely weakened economy, mired in what is  
16 estimated to be the most serious economic downturn in 30 years;  
17 the economic downturn is causing high unemployment and  
18 accompanying hardships for American workers and their  
19 families, including families in Illinois where the  
20 unemployment rate is escalating; and

21           WHEREAS, Congress is drafting economic recovery  
22 legislation for the President to sign as soon as possible; this

1 "economic stimulus" legislation is expected to channel  
2 billions of dollars in state block grants to help economically  
3 stressed states take immediate action to initiate significant  
4 job creation through massive public works investments to  
5 rebuild our nation's aging infrastructure including: roads and  
6 accompanying guardrails, utility poles, rest areas,  
7 maintenance buildings, highway bridges, energy pipelines, rail  
8 and air transportation networks, electrical grid expansion,  
9 water and sewerage improvements, environmentally friendly  
10 nonresidential renovation, new construction of  
11 state-of-the-art schools and hospitals, and other vital  
12 infrastructure needs; and

13 WHEREAS, Modernizing and upgrading Illinois' statewide  
14 infrastructure system will improve the overall quality of life  
15 for all Illinois families, create significant new job  
16 opportunities and economic growth, and help revitalize and  
17 advance Illinois' manufacturing sector; in Illinois, the  
18 manufacturing industries are huge purchasers of State goods and  
19 services including the following goods and services: health  
20 care, education and training, utility generated electricity,  
21 natural gas and alternative fuels, and advanced technology to  
22 enhance competitiveness and environmental quality; and

23 WHEREAS, Illinois has taken previous efforts through the  
24 Procurement of Domestic Products Act to encourage the use of

1 domestically manufactured products in public works, and it is  
2 now critically important that all State agencies do everything  
3 possible to enforce these provisions; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that all State agencies are  
6 encouraged, whenever possible, to purchase domestically made  
7 products for any construction project or other procurement  
8 funded by the State; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Illinois Procurement Policy Board work  
10 with all chief procurement officers to advance the purchase of  
11 domestic products, including those made in Illinois, through  
12 all necessary means, including collaboration between agencies,  
13 the proposal of rules, and the creation of a list of  
14 domestically made products commonly procured using State  
15 funds; and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 delivered to the Illinois Procurement Policy Board, the  
18 President of the United States, and all members of the Illinois  
19 congressional delegation.