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H. CON. RES. 172

To recognize the importance of promoting fair trade in wheat.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. ROSE, Mr. SARPALIUS, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. MINGE, Mr. LAROCO, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. GLICKMAN, Mr. ENGLISH of Oklahoma, Mr. INSLEE, and Mr. POMEROY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the importance of promoting fair trade in wheat.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress recognizes the importance of*
3 promoting fair trade in wheat that—

4 (1) Congress finds that—

5 (A) Canadian wheat farmers enjoy an unfair
6 advantage over their American counterparts because
7 of the secretive operation of the Canadian Wheat
8 Board and transportation subsidies;

1 (B) in large part because of these subsidies, im-
2 ports of wheat from Canada have nearly tripled in
3 the last five years and now total 75 million bushels
4 annually;

5 (C) according to a Department of Agriculture
6 study, these imports have cost the United States
7 Treasury some \$600 million over the last four years;
8 and

9 (D) the Canadians were able to capture as
10 much as seventy-five percent of the Mexican wheat
11 market in recent marketing years; and

12 (2) It is the sense of Congress that—

13 (A) if the Secretary of Agriculture has reason
14 to believe that wheat is being imported into the
15 United States from Canada under such conditions
16 and in such quantities as to render or tend to render
17 ineffective, or materially interfere with, any loan,
18 purchase, or other program or operation undertaken
19 by the Department of Agriculture, then the United
20 States Government should take action to address the
21 problem of Canadian wheat imports using existing
22 United States trade laws;

23 (B) the United States Government should seek
24 an immediate understanding with the Mexican Gov-

1 ernment to define certain Canadian wheat practices
2 as unfair;

3 (C) The United States, Canada, and Mexico
4 should begin immediate consultations with a goal of
5 ensuring free and fair trade in wheat throughout
6 North America; and

7 (D) Transportation subsidies and secretive mo-
8 nopolistic pricing should be considered unfair trad-
9 ing practices.

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