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# H. RES. 635

Calling on the President to take all appropriate action within his power to provide relief from injury caused by steel imports and to immediately request the United States International Trade Commission to commence an expedited investigation for positive adjustment under section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 of those steel imports.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2000

Mr. MOLLOHAN (for himself, Mr. QUINN, Mr. WISE, Mr. NEY, Mr. KLINK, Mr. REGULA, Mr. HOLT, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. HOFFEL, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. BUYER, Ms. CARSON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BOYD, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. COYNE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. DANNER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. EHRLICH, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FORD, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GORDON, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILL of Indiana, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HORN, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. HOYER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. KANJORSKI, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LARSON, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MCINTYRE, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MCNULTY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. MOORE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PETER-

SON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. REYES, Mr. RILEY, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ROEMER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SABO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SAWYER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. SKEEN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SOUDER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SWEENEY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. TURNER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WEYGAND, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WU, and Mr. WYNN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## RESOLUTION

Calling on the President to take all appropriate action within his power to provide relief from injury caused by steel imports and to immediately request the United States International Trade Commission to commence an expedited investigation for positive adjustment under section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 of those steel imports.

Whereas total steel imports in 2000 will be over 2½ times higher than in 1991, continuing the alarming trend of sharply increasing steel imports over the past decade;

Whereas unprecedented levels of steel imports flooded the United States market in 1998 and 1999, causing a crisis in which thousands of steelworkers were laid off and 6 steel companies went bankrupt;

Whereas the domestic steel industry still has not had an opportunity to recover from the 1998–1999 steel import crisis, and steel imports are again causing serious injury to United States steel producers and workers;

Whereas total steel imports through August 2000 are 17 percent higher than over the same period in 1999 and great-

er even than imports over the same period in 1998, a record year;

Whereas steel prices continue to be depressed, with hot-rolled steel prices 12 percent lower in August 2000 than in the first quarter of 1998, and average import customs values for all steel products more than 15 percent lower over the same period;

Whereas the United States Government must maintain and fully enforce all existing relief against foreign unfair trade;

Whereas the United States steel industry is a clean, highly efficient industry having modernized itself at great human and financial cost, shedding over 330,000 jobs and investing more than \$50,000,000,000 over the last 20 years;

Whereas capacity utilization in the United States steel industry has fallen sharply since the beginning of the year and the market capitalization and debt ratings of the major United States steel firms are at precarious levels;

Whereas the Department of Commerce recently documented the underlying market-distorting practices and long-standing structural problems that plague the global steel trade with excess capacity and cause diversion of unfairly traded foreign steel to the United States; and

Whereas the President recognized that unfair trade played a significant role in the devastating import surge of steel and recognized the need to vigorously enforce the trade laws: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives calls
- 2 upon the President—

1           (1) to take all appropriate action within his  
2 power to provide relief from injury caused by steel  
3 imports; and

4           (2) to immediately request the United States  
5 International Trade Commission to commence an ex-  
6 pedited investigation for positive adjustment under  
7 section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 of such steel  
8 imports.

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