

RESOLUTION 19 — H.F.No. 1800

A resolution memorializing Congress and the President to continue their efforts to halt the persecution of the Baha'i minority in Iran.

WHEREAS, the Baha'i community in Iran is experiencing persecution, harassment, the disappearances of family members, job discrimination, seizure of bank funds, destruction of personal property, and torture; and

WHEREAS, current reports show that over 100 Baha'is and Baha'i religious leaders have been executed by the government of Iran; and

WHEREAS, the continued harassment and murder of Baha'is demonstrates that the government of Iran has launched a conscious effort to destroy the Baha'i community; and

WHEREAS, both the United States government and the United Nations Human Rights Commission have protested the persistent violations of human rights directed against the Baha'i community by the Iranian authorities; and

WHEREAS, the government of Iran has outlawed the administrative institutions of the Baha'i faith in Iran and continued to severely persecute its adherents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it condemns the persecution of the Baha'is and urges the Congress and the President of the United States to continue their efforts to halt the persecution of the Baha'i community in Iran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved April 25, 1984

RESOLUTION 20 — S.F.No. 2164

A resolution memorializing Congress to enact H.R. 5081, the Fair Trade in Steel Act of 1984.

WHEREAS, the American steel industry has engaged in extraordinary self-help efforts, including the commitment of billions of dollars to modernization and the reduction of employment costs; and

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WHEREAS, the United States steel industry is being devastated by subsidized imports now accounting for over 20 percent of the steel consumed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 200,000 steelworker jobs have been lost in the United States since 1977, about 5,000 jobs in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, over 175 steel plants and facilities have been closed in the past five years; and

WHEREAS, during the last five years, the United States has lost 44 percent of its taxpaying steelworkers and 13,000,000 tons of steel production capacity; and

WHEREAS, every major nation in the world, except the United States, subsidizes its steel industry and restricts steel imports; and

WHEREAS, steel imports into the United States are expanding at an ever-increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, the United States steel industry simply cannot compete with such unfair trade practices by other nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States steel industry provides stability, tax revenue, employment, and support to local communities throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States steel industry cannot survive without some relief from the influx of imports; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of H.R. 5081 would result in a gain of at least 1.3 billion dollars in government taxes as well as a 6.1 billion dollar favorable impact on gross national product, and the creation of 92,000 additional jobs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the Congress of the United States should promptly enact into law H.R. 5081, the Fair Trade in Steel Act of 1984, that will temporarily limit steel imports to not more than 15 percent of our domestic consumption in the United States and limit foreign iron ore imports to 25 percent of our nation's domestic consumption and provide the industry with the means to modernize and become fully competitive in the world market. The monetary gain which results from the implementation of H.R. 5081 should be used primarily to modernize the steel industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from Minnesota.

Approved April 26, 1984

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