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Expressing the sense of the Senate on the European Commission's handling of the Boeing/McDonnell-Douglas merger.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the European Commission's handling of the Boeing/McDonnell-Douglas merger.

Whereas the Boeing Company and McDonnell-Douglas have announced their merger;

Whereas the Department of Defense has approved that merger as consistent with the national security of the United States;

Whereas the Federal Trade Commission has found that merger not to violate the antitrust laws of the United States;

Whereas the European Commission has consistently criticized and threatened the merger before, during, and after its consideration of the facts; and

Whereas the sole true reason for the European Commission's criticism and imminent disapproval of the merger is to gain an unfair competitive advantage for Airbus, a government-owned aircraft manufacturer: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the Sense of the Senate that any
2 such disapproval on the part of the European Commission
3 would constitute an unwarranted and unprecedented inter-
4 ference in a United States business transaction that would
5 threaten thousands of American aerospace jobs; and be
6 it further

7 *Resolved*, That the Senate suggest that the President
8 take such actions as he deems appropriate to protect
9 United States interests in connection therewith.

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