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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importation of unfairly traded Canadian lumber.

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Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. ROSS, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. RILEY, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. COBLE, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, and Mr. BALDACCI) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importation of unfairly traded Canadian lumber.

Whereas the Provincial governments of Canada subsidize the Canadian lumber industry by supplying timber to Canadian lumber companies at a fraction of the fair market value of the timber;

Whereas the Provincial governments of Canada mandate that Canadian lumber companies harvest timber and produce lumber regardless of market conditions;

Whereas such subsidies and mandates have resulted in record levels of Canadian lumber being imported into the United States at less than the fair value of such lumber;

Whereas unfairly traded Canadian lumber now accounts for more than one-third of the softwood lumber market in the United States;

Whereas the importation of unfairly traded Canadian lumber into the United States has reduced the sales of domestic lumber companies, jeopardized thousands of jobs, depressed timberland values, and contributed to the collapse of lumber prices in the United States;

Whereas United States lumber companies, timberland owners, labor unions, and officials in the Reagan, Bush, and Clinton administrations have called for an end to the Canadian subsidies; and

Whereas an agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada regarding the trade of lumber is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the
 3 President, the United States Trade Representative, and
 4 the Secretary of Commerce should—

5 (1) make the resolution of the problems associ-
 6 ated with the importation of unfairly traded Cana-
 7 dian lumber a top trade priority of the United
 8 States;

9 (2) make every effort to end—

1 (A) the subsidization of the Canadian lum-
2 ber industry by the Provincial governments of
3 Canada; and

4 (B) the mandated overproduction of lum-
5 ber imposed on the Canadian lumber industry
6 by the Provincial governments of Canada;

7 (3) vigorously, promptly, and fully enforce the
8 trade laws of the United States with regard to the
9 importation of unfairly traded lumber;

10 (4) explore all options to stop the importation
11 of unfairly traded lumber; and

12 (5) take actions to limit the injuries caused to
13 the timber and lumber industries of the United
14 States by the importation of unfairly traded lumber,
15 including imposing duties in the United States as
16 soon as possible to offset the extent to which such
17 lumber is subsidized and imported at less than its
18 fair value.

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