

House Joint Memorial 9

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Urges the U.S. President to take positions and make appointments with certain things in mind. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8).

Urges the President of the United States to carry out foreign policy and defense doctrines that are rational, well-understood and well-reasoned. Urges the President to appoint, and the Senate to confirm, foreign policy and defense officials possessing sufficient professional experience and understanding of global dynamics and international law to carry out such doctrines.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
3 States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legisla-
5 tive session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the United States Constitution assigns primary responsibility for the conduct of re-
7 lations with foreign governments to the President and the federal government; and

8 Whereas within the federal system of governance established by the United States Constitution,
9 the states are largely dependent on the federal government for the provision of a common national
10 defense; and

11 Whereas relations between the United States and its European and Asian allies have been de-
12 veloped over the decades since World War II into highly stable, peaceful and successful arrange-
13 ments that promote peace, stability and long-term worldwide economic growth; and

14 Whereas the newly elected President in his first administration made changes in decades-old
15 foreign policy precepts, such as the United States' relationship with Russia and the United States'
16 position on nuclear nonproliferation; and

17 Whereas the newly elected President in his first administration appointed foreign policy and
18 national defense teams with limited professional experience and untested judgment on the conduct
19 of foreign relations; and

20 Whereas an incoming President is bound by existing formal economic collaboratives, diplomatic
21 relationships, military alliances and treaties approved by the United States Senate; and

22 Whereas the sudden shifts away from foreign policy and national defense norms by inexperi-
23 enced and untested foreign policy and national defense appointees will cause dramatic economic and
24 security impacts on the State of Oregon and the United States of America; now, therefore,

25 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

26 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, strenuously urge the President
27 of the United States to carry out foreign policy and national defense doctrines that are rational,
28 well-understood and well-reasoned; and be it further

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Resolved, That we urge the President to appoint, and the Senate to confirm, foreign policy and
2 defense officials who possess sufficient professional experience and sufficient understanding of global
3 dynamics and international law to carry out the rational and well-reasoned doctrines previously
4 described; and be it further

5 Resolved, That we note that a failure to achieve the objectives described in the preceding par-
6 agraphs may represent a high crime on the part of the Executive Branch of the United States of
7 America; and be it further

8 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, the
9 Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the
10 Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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