

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 195

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government should require that all tax benefits or other subsidies afforded to businesses operating in the United States as part of health care reform should be used for investment and job creation within the borders of the United States.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 23, 1993

Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mrs. BENTLEY, Mr. KLINK, and Mr. HUNTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

---

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government should require that all tax benefits or other subsidies afforded to businesses operating in the United States as part of health care reform should be used for investment and job creation within the borders of the United States.

Whereas two million seven hundred thousand United States manufacturing jobs have been lost due to imports since 1979;

Whereas manufacturing as a percentage of gross domestic product in the United States has decreased to 19 percent while manufacturing as a percentage of gross domestic product of our trading partners has been increasing or

remaining constant (for example, 28 percent for Japan and 30 percent for Germany);

Whereas United States firms now own and operate over seven thousand five hundred foreign affiliates operating overseas;

Whereas these foreign affiliates now account for 23 percent of all manufacturing by United States companies;

Whereas the One Hundred Third Congress is considering reforming the health care delivery system;

Whereas many of the proposals being considered involve granting tax relief or government subsidies to certain businesses and individuals;

Whereas caps on employer contributions for health care coverage could translate into a windfall tax benefit or government subsidy for businesses of billions of dollars;

Whereas government assumption of liability for early retiree health coverage could translate into a government subsidy of up to \$11,000,000,000;

Whereas business would be free to use these government subsidies for whatever purposes it deems appropriate, including spending the subsidies outside the United States, regardless of the consequences for American workers; and

Whereas government programs to promote investment and job creation in the United States, such as the investment tax credit, have proven to be successful in the past: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that all gov-
- 3 ernment health care tax benefits or subsidies provided in

1 the context of health care reform to businesses operating  
2 in the United States be in a form, such as an investment  
3 tax credit, that will ensure that the benefits or subsidies  
4 are directed toward investment in the United States to  
5 promote job creation and the competitiveness of United  
6 States industry and agriculture.

○