



2009 Senate Joint Resolution 35

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: encouraging the purchase and use of American goods and services with federal economic renewal grants.

Whereas, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and

Whereas, those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

Whereas, Congress has approved and President Obama has signed into law a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

Whereas, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs restoring the economic vitality of our communities; and

Whereas, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan moneys will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy; and

Whereas, any economic recovery plan spending should — to every extent possible — include a commitment from the state of Wisconsin to buy materials, goods, and services for projects from companies that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers who pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature will work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restore economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed; and, be it further

Resolved, That the legislature is committed to purchasing only products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery moneys provided to the state of Wisconsin by the American taxpayers; and, be it further

Resolved, That as legislators, we commit to publish any requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers opportunities to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.

Representative Michael J. Sheridan
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

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Senate Chief Clerk