

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF NATIONAL MANUFACTURING WEEK, CONGRATULATING MANUFACTURERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROWTH AND INNOVATION, AND RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGES FACING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

APRIL 27, 2004.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BARTON of Texas, from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 516]

The Committee on Energy and Commerce, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 516) supporting the goals of National Manufacturing Week, congratulating manufacturers and their employees for their contributions to growth and innovation, and recognizing the challenges facing the manufacturing sector, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the resolution as amended be agreed to.

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AMENDMENT

The amendments are as follows:

In the final clause of the preamble, strike “has been” and insert “was”.

Page 2, line 4, insert “who have remained in the United States and refrained from sending manufacturing jobs overseas” after “manufacturers”.

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

H. Res. 516 expresses support for the goals of National Manufacturing Week. The resolution congratulates manufacturers and their employees for their contributions to growth, innovation, and the Nation’s future. It also recognizes that the manufacturing sector is facing serious, new challenges that affect prospects for growth of the United States economy.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The manufacturing sector of the economy has been the primary source of economic growth in the United States, but it has faced significant challenges in recent years. Despite these challenges, manufacturing has remained an important part of the country’s economic and national security. The dramatic changes over the last few decades have enabled a rise in productivity that has allowed manufacturing companies to better compensate workers as well as compete more vigorously in the world market. H. Res. 516 congratulates manufacturers and their employees for their roles in helping to shape the Nation’s future.

HEARINGS

The Committee on Energy and Commerce has not held hearings on the legislation.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On April 22, 2004, the Full Committee met in open markup session and ordered H. Res. 516 favorably reported to the House, as amended, by a voice vote, a quorum being present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires the Committee to list the record votes on the motion to report legislation and amendments thereto. There were no record votes taken in connection with ordering H. Res. 516 reported. A motion by Mr. Barton to order H. Res. 516 reported to the House, as amended, was agreed to by a voice vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has not held oversight or legislative hearings on this legislation.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

H. Res. 516 expresses support for the goals of National Manufacturing Week.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY, ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY, AND TAX
EXPENDITURES

In compliance with clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that H. Res. 516 would result in no new or increased budget authority, entitlement authority, or tax expenditures or revenues.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

The Committee finds that H. Res. 516 would result in no new costs to the Federal Government.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES
STATEMENT

The Congressional Budget Office estimate required pursuant to clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the estimate of Federal mandates required pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act were requested from the Congressional Budget Office, but were not prepared as of the date of filing of this report.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that the Constitutional authority for this legislation is provided in Article I, section 8, clause 3, which grants Congress the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, among the several States, and with the Indian tribes.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 516 expresses support for the goals of National Manufacturing Week. The resolution congratulates manufacturers who have remained in the United States and refrained from sending manufacturing jobs overseas and their employees for their contributions to growth, innovation, and the Nation's future. It also recognizes that the manufacturing sector is facing serious, new challenges that affect prospects for growth of the United States economy. The resolution also recognizes that the manufacturing sector is facing serious new challenges to its international preeminence that affect prospects for future growth of the United States economy.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

This legislation does not amend any existing Federal statute.

