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H. RES. 328

Requesting the World Trade Organization (WTO) to investigate the cause of the WTO's confidential interim report with respect to the March 2002 United States steel safeguard measure being widely leaked to the media.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2003

Mr. ENGLISH (for himself and Mr. VISCOSKY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

Requesting the World Trade Organization (WTO) to investigate the cause of the WTO's confidential interim report with respect to the March 2002 United States steel safeguard measure being widely leaked to the media.

Whereas on March 5, 2002, the United States implemented a safeguard measure with respect to the importation of certain steel products;

Whereas a proceeding was subsequently initiated in the World Trade Organization (WTO) with respect to the United States safeguard measure;

Whereas in March 2003 a WTO panel's confidential interim report with respect to the United States safeguard action was leaked to the media after being circulated to the

United States and the eight co-complainants: the European Union, Brazil, China, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea and Switzerland; and

Whereas the United States subsequently submitted, as part of its comments on the WTO panel's interim report, a request to the WTO that the WTO panel investigate the cause of the report being widely leaked to the media; Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
 - 2 (1) commends the request made by the United States to the World Trade Organization (WTO) that the WTO panel investigate the cause of the panel's confidential interim report with respect to the March 2002 United States steel safeguard measure being widely leaked to the media; and
 - 8 (2) strongly encourages the WTO panel to expediently investigate breaches of confidentiality by the co-complainants.

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