

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 110

Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should not interpret or construe the Defense Production Act of 1950 to authorize the President or any Federal department or agency to confiscate personal or private property, to force conscription into the Armed Forces on the American people, to force civilians to engage in labor against their will or without compensation, or to force private businesses to relinquish goods or services without compensation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS (for herself, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. WEST, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. REED, Mr. FLORES, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. AMODEI) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas President Obama signed an Executive Order relating to National Defense Resources Preparedness on March 16, 2012;

Whereas the 5th Amendment of the United States Constitution states, “No person shall . . . be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law”;

Whereas our Founding Fathers came to America based on the truth that the rights of individuals do not come from government—they come from our Creator;

Whereas John Adams said, “The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence.”;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson said, “A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned.”;

Whereas Benjamin Franklin said, “They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”; and

Whereas any Executive Order can be challenged in court on the grounds that it deviates from congressional intent or exceeds the President’s constitutional powers and the March 16, 2012, Executive Order relating to National Defense Resources Preparedness is no different: Now therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the

1 President should not interpret or construe the Defense
2 Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.)
3 to authorize the President or any Federal department or
4 agency to confiscate personal or private property, to force
5 conscription into the Armed Forces on the American peo-
6 ple, to force civilians to engage in labor against their will
7 or without compensation, or to force private businesses to
8 relinquish goods or services without compensation.

