

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1031

By: Fisher and Moore

A Resolution urging the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to resist passage and implementation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a proposed regulatory and investment treaty between the United States and eleven Pacific Rim nations; and

WHEREAS, the TPP is being negotiated in closed-door negotiating sessions and has not been made available to the public or state and local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, one provision in the fine print of the closely guarded draft, called the "Investor-State Dispute Settlement" would allow foreign corporations to sue the United States for damages over any law or regulation which they believe would reduce their future profits; and

WHEREAS, this provision would give foreign corporations special rights to challenge American laws outside of our legal system by going before an international panel of arbitrators; and

WHEREAS, if the foreign corporation successfully challenged the American law, the ruling could not be challenged in United States courts, and the arbitration panel could require American taxpayers to pay millions, even billions, of dollars in damages; and

WHEREAS, the TPP would give the Office of the President of the United States the power to make trade agreements with other nations without the "advice and consent of the Senate" or congressional oversight or ability to deliberate. President Obama and Congress should disapprove the Trans-Pacific Partnership and in its place

work for legislation to revive U.S. manufacturing and raise wages. The President and Congress must remove special legal privileges for foreign investors, add enforceable rules to prevent currency manipulation and strengthen rules of origin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives strongly urges the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to do everything within their power to resist the passage and unconstitutional implementation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 15th day of May, 2015.



Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 18th

day of May, 20 15, at 2:07 o'clock P. M.

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