

## CHAPTER 187

### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1621

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress and the President of the United States to halt the contract process for the Air Force mid-air refueling tanker until Congress and the President have reviewed and approved all the technical, security and economic aspects of the purchase.

WHEREAS, The Air Force needs a proven and adaptable refueling tanker aircraft to support the war fighters of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, The Boeing Company has been building and maintaining refueling tankers for 75 years and has more experience building tankers than any other company on earth; and

WHEREAS, The Boeing KC-767 is flying today while the competing European-designed Airbus tanker is not flying or refueling today; and

WHEREAS, The KC-767 meets or exceeds all Air Force requirements, including range and fuel offload capabilities, and mission flexibility for carrying patients, passengers and material; and

WHEREAS, The KC-767 is interoperable with 99% of the Air Force's existing equipment, saving an estimated \$4 billion in lifecycle costs, and operates from existing infrastructure throughout the world saving the expense of costly runway, tarmac and hanger expansion required for the larger Airbus plane; and

WHEREAS, The Boeing tanker utilizes the most advanced technology, including an unrivaled sixth generation boom with cutting edge controls at increased fueling speeds. It has an advanced flight deck based on modern 777 control, and the KC-767 can operate from many more bases worldwide. The Airbus model is so large it cannot land at many critical military bases, reducing its value as a military support asset; and

WHEREAS, The European-built tanker burns 24% more fuel while flying, producing 30% higher emissions and an estimated \$14.6 billion more in fuel costs over the life of the plane; and

WHEREAS, The American taxpayer will pay the bill for an untested plane that will be manufactured in Europe and "finished" in a yet-to-be-built facility in the United States, while the Boeing tankers would be built on an existing assembly line in the United States and contain 85% American-made content; and

WHEREAS, The European manufacture of these critically important tankers will be controlled by European governments including France and Russia, giving Europeans 19,000 jobs that can and should be performed by American workers; and

WHEREAS, Given the current state of the American economy, taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund the economic growth of European countries, while the United States loses 44,000 quality jobs associated with the KC-767; and

WHEREAS, Our federal, state and local governments will lose billions of dollars in potential taxes from the export of these well-paying jobs and corporate gains made possible by the American taxpayer: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein:* That the President of the United States and the Congress halt the contract process for the Air Force mid-air refueling tanker and are strongly urged to immediately and vigorously investigate the proposed outsourcing of taxpayer-funded jobs, its impact on the American economy and the procurement process that made possible this transfer of billions of dollars to foreign workers; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the President and Congress are urged to investigate and thoroughly review the benefits, costs and national security risks associated with contracting for the design and construction of high-technology military equipment and systems in and by foreign nations which may not always be attuned to American interests, objectives or missions; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House March 13, 2008.

Adopted by the Senate March 7, 2008.

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