

**Representative Sheryl L. Allen** proposes the following substitute bill:

**RESOLUTION URGING EVALUATION OF SECURITY AND  
PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephen E. Sandstrom**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature urges Congress to determine to what extent the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America is achieving its objectives.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► urges the United States Congress to study and evaluate the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, consisting of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, to determine to what extent the partnership is making measurable progress towards the accomplishment of its objectives.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, North America is the safest and best place to live and do business;



26 WHEREAS, the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP), which is  
27 neither an agreement nor a treaty, was launched in March 2005 as an effort by the United  
28 States, Canada, and Mexico to establish a setting for dialogue among these nations to increase  
29 security and enhance prosperity among the three nations through greater cooperation and  
30 information sharing;

31 WHEREAS, an agreement has been reached between the United States and Canada to  
32 enable simultaneous exchange of information between virtual national laboratory networks,  
33 which helps accelerate response times when managing infectious disease outbreaks, save lives,  
34 and reduce health care costs;

35 WHEREAS, the SPP is holding regular meetings attended by regulators from the  
36 United States, Canada, and Mexico, where they exchange information on regulatory standards  
37 and energy market developments, and discuss bringing gas from Alaska to the North American  
38 market;

39 WHEREAS, the five high priority initiatives of the SPP are: increasing private sector  
40 engagement in the SPP by adding high-level business input; collaborating on all stages of avian  
41 or pandemic influenza management; providing a secure and sustainable energy supply; having  
42 a common approach to all aspects of emergency management; and taking specific steps to  
43 secure borders;

44 WHEREAS, the SPP also seeks to develop and implement a comprehensive North  
45 American strategy for combating transnational threats to the United States, Canada, and  
46 Mexico, including terrorism, organized crime, illegal drugs, migrant and contraband smuggling  
47 and trafficking;

48 WHEREAS, the SPP also wants to strengthen North America's energy markets by:  
49 working within each nation's legal framework to increase reliable energy supplies for the  
50 region's needs and development; facilitating investment in energy infrastructure, technology  
51 improvements, production, and reliable delivery of energy; enhancing cooperation to identify  
52 and utilize best practices and to streamline and update regulations; and promoting energy  
53 efficiency, conservation, and technologies such as clean coal, carbon capture and storage,  
54 hydrogen, and renewable energy; and

55 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the United States Congress study and evaluate the SPP to  
56 determine whether it is making measurable progress towards accomplishing its objectives:

57           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
58 urges the United States Congress to study and evaluate the Security and Prosperity Partnership  
59 of North America, consisting of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, to determine to what  
60 extent the partnership is making measurable progress toward the accomplishment of its  
61 objectives.

62           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Congress to share its findings  
63 of the study with governmental leaders from Canada and Mexico, Utah's congressional  
64 delegation, the Utah State Legislature, and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

65           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority  
66 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
67 and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.