

**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**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 and to report its findings to national and state leaders.

**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;

▶ urges Congress to share its findings of the study with international, national, and state governmental leaders; and

▶ requests that Utah's congressional delegation report the findings of the study to the Utah International Trade Commission and the Legislature's Government Operations



26 Interim Committee.

27 **Special Clauses:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

54 WHEREAS, the SPP also wants to strengthen North America's energy markets by:  
55 working within each nation's legal framework to increase reliable energy supplies for the  
56 region's needs and development; facilitating investment in energy infrastructure, technology

57 improvements, production, and reliable delivery of energy; enhancing cooperation to identify  
58 and utilize best practices and to streamline and update regulations; and promoting energy  
59 efficiency, conservation, and technologies such as clean coal, carbon capture and storage,  
60 hydrogen, and renewable energy; and

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

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

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

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that Utah's congressional  
72 delegation report the findings of the study to the Utah International Trade Commission and the  
73 Legislature's Government Operations Interim Committee by September 30, 2007.

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