

1 **SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE**
2 **UNITED STATES ENDING ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE**
3 **SECURITY AND PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP**
4 **OF NORTH AMERICA**

5 2008 GENERAL SESSION

6 STATE OF UTAH

7 **Chief Sponsor: Fred J. Fife**

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This resolution of the Senate urges the United States to consider ending its participation
12 in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and reject participation in
13 any other partnership agreement that would bypass Congress or compromise the
14 country's sovereignty.

15 **Highlighted Provisions:**

16 This resolution:

17 ▶ urges the United States to consider withdrawal from the Security and Prosperity
18 Partnership of North America and reject participation in any other bilateral or
19 multilateral agreement that would bypass Congress or compromise the sovereignty
20 of the United States.

21 **Special Clauses:**

22 None

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24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

25 WHEREAS, the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), launched on March 23,
26 2005, aims to integrate United States laws with Mexico and Canada on a broad range of issues
27 such as e-commerce, transportation, environment, health, agriculture, financial services, open
28 borders, and national security which may lead to negative changes in Unites States'
29 administrative laws;

30 WHEREAS, this trilateral partnership has never been presented to Congress as an
31 agreement or treaty or for public debate;

32 WHEREAS, the Security and Prosperity Partnership has had virtually no Congressional
33 oversight and violates Article 1(1) and Article 2(2) of the United States Constitution by
34 usurping power delegated to and bypassing Congress;

35 WHEREAS, requests made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) produce
36 thousands of pages from the SPP office in the U.S. Department of Commerce alone, which
37 prove that the U.S. administration has cooperated with Mexico and Canada on a broad range of
38 policy issues, is rewriting U.S. law, and appointing ministers, without public disclosure and
39 Congressional approval;

40 WHEREAS, FOIA-released documents and information posted on government websites
41 indicate a wide range of SPP administrators from the Departments of State, Commerce,
42 Homeland Security, Energy, Treasury, Agriculture, Transportation, Trade, Health, and Human
43 Services are actively involved in harmonizing and integrating U.S. administrative law with the
44 administrative laws and regulations of Canada and Mexico;

45 WHEREAS, national, state, and local governments throughout the United States might
46 be negatively impacted by the SPP, such as the SPP's vision of open borders, with ensuing
47 increased law enforcement problems; and

48 WHEREAS, United States policy, not foreign consortiums, should be used to control
49 our national borders and to ensure that national security is not compromised:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the state of Utah urges the
51 United States Congress to strongly consider the United States ending its participation in the
52 Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate urges Congress to reject participation
54 by the country in any other bilateral or multilateral partnership that would bypass Congress or
55 compromise the sovereignty of the United States.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority
57 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,

58 and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.