

Senator Fred J. Fife proposes the following substitute bill:

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

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Fred J. Fife

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

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

Special Clauses:

None

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

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

45 WHEREAS, national, state, and local governments, throughout the United States

45a **§→ [-would] 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 by
54 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.

Fiscal Note

**S.R. 1 1st Sub. (Green) - Senate Resolution Urging the Consideration of the
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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.