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To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO INITIATE  
2 ACTION AFFECTING THE UNITED STATES TRADE POLICY TOWARD CHINA SO AS  
3 TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE TEXTILES, STEEL AND OTHER  
4 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE UNITED STATES.

5 WHEREAS, the United States trade policy toward China is the  
6 most important factor leading to the bankruptcy of many of the  
7 nation's largest textile companies; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the American Textile Institute, the  
9 United States textile industry lost 267,000 jobs from January 2001  
10 through March 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, Chinese sales of textiles to the United States rose  
12 by 63 percent to \$3.15 billion in 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, from 12 months ending in March 2002 to 12 months  
14 ending in March 2003, the United States government has stood by  
15 while China's textile and apparel exports to the United States  
16 have surged 140 percent; and

17 WHEREAS, the Chinese textile industry has a profound impact  
18 on the textile industry of the United States and Mississippi and  
19 the textile industry is vital to the economic welfare of the  
20 United States and Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, many of those jobs were lost in textiles, steel and  
22 other industries facing stiff pricing competition in which  
23 currency manipulation is a factor; and

24 WHEREAS, in December 2002, the United States suspended  
25 protective tariffs for the steel industry, increasing the  
26 vulnerability of Mississippi steel producers to currency  
27 manipulation:

28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
30 THEREIN, That we do hereby memorialize Congress to support the  
31 extension quotas on countries that use anticompetitive trade  
32 practices in textile and apparel trade; to initiate investigations  
33 and formulate cases against all Asian countries that manipulate  
34 their currencies; and to impose countervailing duty against  
35 Chinese textile imports that are subsidized by the Chinese  
36 government.

37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to the United States Senate, the United States House of  
39 Representatives and to each member of the Mississippi  
40 Congressional Delegation and Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott.