

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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By: **Senator Conway**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **The Job Creation and Infrastructure Restoration Act of 1997**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the President and Congress of the United States to  
4 support passage of H.R. 950 (The Job Creation and Infrastructure Restoration  
5 Act of 1997) that seeks to provide jobs, at union wages, to persons who will work  
6 to rebuild the nation's infrastructure.

7 WHEREAS, H.R. 950 was introduced by Congressman Martinez at the request  
8 of the 70 founders of the National Labor Community Coalition for Public Works Jobs.  
9 Since its inception, the organization has grown to become a national coalition that  
10 represents labor leaders and labor bodies and organizations, from coast to coast; and

11 WHEREAS, The National Coalition's purpose is to work for passage of federal  
12 emergency jobs legislation that will provide urgently needed jobs, at union wages, to  
13 crisis-ridden cities, by putting people to work rebuilding the nation's infrastructure,  
14 comprising schools, hospitals, libraries, parks, bridges, and highways; and

15 WHEREAS, The work of the organization is particularly important in light of  
16 the recent revamping of the welfare system that resulted in the removal of the  
17 "safety-net" that provided basic necessities for hundreds of thousands of unskilled  
18 and under-skilled people who will now enter the labor force. The organization seeks  
19 to ensure that those persons entering the labor market in "workfare" positions will  
20 not displace union workers and, at the same time, will be able to earn a living wage  
21 that will enhance the goal of removing welfare recipients from welfare and poverty;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, H.R. 950, if enacted, will provide \$250 billion for emergency public  
24 works projects over a 5-year period. The bill embodies strong labor provisions that  
25 provide priority hiring opportunities for persons affected by plant and military base  
26 closings, welfare recipients, youth, building trade workers, and the long-term  
27 unemployed, in useful employment that will be invaluable in rebuilding our nation's  
28 decaying older cities; now, therefore, be it

29 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That the  
30 President of the United States and the Congress of the United States are respectfully  
31 urged to support passage of H.R. 950 (The Job Creation and Infrastructure

1 Restoration Act of 1997) which seeks to provide jobs, at union wages, to persons who  
2 will work to rebuild the nation's infrastructure; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
4 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.  
5 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;  
6 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,  
7 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and  
8 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.