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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND
3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois
4 Steel Development Board is established as an advisory board
5 to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs; the
6 Board shall be composed of the following voting members: the
7 Director of Commerce and Community Affairs, who shall be
8 Chairman of the Board, the Deputy Director of the Bureau of
9 Business Development within the Department of Commerce and
10 Community Affairs, 4 members of the General Assembly (one
11 each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Senate
12 Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House, and the House
13 Minority Leader), and 8 persons appointed by the Governor,
14 with the advice and consent of the Senate; members appointed
15 by the Governor must include representatives of Illinois
16 industries that are involved in the production, use, or
17 transportation of American and Canadian steel,
18 representatives of financial or banking interests in the
19 State, and persons experienced in international business and
20 economic development; members appointed by the Governor shall
21 be chosen from persons of recognized ability and experience
22 in their designated field; the members appointed by the
23 Governor shall serve for terms of 4 years; the initial terms
24 of the original appointees shall expire on July 1, 2005; a
25 member appointed by a legislative leader shall serve for the
26 duration of the General Assembly for which he or she is
27 appointed, so long as the member remains a member of that
28 General Assembly; the Board shall meet at least annually or
29 at the call of the Chairman; at any time the majority of the
30 Board may petition the Chairman for a meeting of the Board; 9
31 members of the Board shall constitute a quorum; members of
32 the Board shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary
33 expenses incurred while performing their duties as members of
34 the Board from funds appropriated to the Department for that

1 purpose; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, that the Board shall provide advice and make
3 recommendations to the Department of Commerce and Community
4 Affairs on the following:

5 (1) the development of an annual agenda that may
6 include, but is not limited to, research, marketing, and
7 promotional methodologies conducted for the purpose of
8 increasing the use of American and Canadian steel
9 produced, used, or transported by Illinois companies with
10 emphasis on the following areas: maintaining and
11 increasing employment of Illinois workers in the steel
12 industry; steel preparation and characterization;
13 marketing; public awareness and education;
14 transportation; and environmental impacts;

15 (2) the support and coordination of American and
16 Canadian steel research, marketing, and promotion; the
17 approval of projects consistent with the annual agenda
18 and budget for steel research, marketing, and promotion;
19 and the approval of the annual budget and operating plan
20 for administration of the Board;

21 (3) the promotion and coordination of available
22 research, marketing, and promotional information on the
23 production, preparation, distribution, and uses of
24 American and Canadian steel; the Board shall advise the
25 existing research institutions within the State on areas
26 where research may be necessary;

27 (4) the cooperation to the fullest extent possible
28 with State and federal agencies and departments,
29 independent organizations, and other interested groups,
30 public and private, for the purposes of promoting
31 American and Canadian steel resources;

32 (5) the submission of an annual report to the
33 Governor and the General Assembly outlining the progress
34 and accomplishments made during the calendar year and

1 furnishing other relevant information;

2 (6) focusing on existing steel research, marketing,
3 and promotion efforts in carrying out its mission, ways
4 to make use of existing facilities in Illinois or other
5 institutions carrying out research, marketing, and
6 promotion on American and Canadian steel and, as far as
7 practical, to make maximum use of the facilities
8 available in Illinois, including universities and
9 colleges located within the State of Illinois, and the
10 creation of a consortium or center that conducts,
11 coordinates, and supports steel research, promotion, and
12 marketing activities in the State of Illinois;
13 programmatic activities of the consortium or center shall
14 be subject to approval by the Department and shall be
15 consistent with the purposes of this Resolution; the
16 Department may authorize the expenditure of funds in
17 support of the administrative and programmatic operations
18 of the center or consortium that is consistent with its
19 authority; administrative actions undertaken by or for
20 the center or consortium shall be subject to the approval
21 of the Department;

22 (7) reasonable ways, before initiating any research,
23 to avoid duplication of effort and expense through the
24 coordination of the research efforts of various agencies,
25 departments, universities or organizations;

26 (8) the adoption, amendment, and repeal of rules,
27 regulations, and bylaws governing the Board's
28 organization and conduct of business;

29 (9) the search for, the acceptance, and the
30 expenditure of gifts or grants in any form, from any
31 public agency or from any other source; the gifts and
32 grants may be held in trust by the Department and
33 expended at the direction of the Department and in the
34 exercise of the Department's powers and performance of

1 the Department's duties; and

2 (10) the publication, from time to time, of the
3 results of American and Canadian steel research,
4 marketing, and promotion projects funded through the
5 Department; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, that the Board shall also provide advice and
7 make recommendations to the Department on the following:

8 (1) the creation and maintenance of current and
9 accurate records on all markets for and actual uses of
10 steel processed, utilized, or transported in Illinois and
11 ways of making those records available to the public upon
12 request;

13 (2) the identification of all current and
14 anticipated future technical, economic, institutional,
15 market, environmental, regulatory, and other impediments
16 to the use of American and Canadian steel and the
17 Illinois steel industry;

18 (3) the identification of alternative plans or
19 actions that would maintain or increase the use of
20 American and Canadian steel and the Illinois steel
21 industry; and

22 (4) the development of strategies and proposing
23 policies to promote responsible uses of American and
24 Canadian steel processed, used, or transported by the
25 Illinois steel industry; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 delivered to the Director of Commerce and Community Affairs,
28 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Minority
29 Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
30 Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of
31 Representatives.