

House of Representatives, March 24, 1998. The House Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO PASS THE JOBS CREATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RESTORATION ACT.

1 Resolved by this House:

2 WHEREAS, Representative Matthew Martinez of  
3 California has introduced legislation entitled  
4 "Jobs Creation and Infrastructure Restoration Act  
5 of 1997" (H.R. 950) to provide two hundred fifty  
6 billion dollars for emergency public works jobs  
7 over a five-year period; and

8 WHEREAS, the two hundred fifty billion  
9 dollars will include twenty-five billion dollars  
10 for emergency grants to local governments for  
11 construction, repair and renovation of public  
12 works projects and two hundred twenty-five billion  
13 dollars for over five years for jobs in community  
14 improvement projects such as schools, housing,  
15 hospitals, parks, bridges, highways, environmental  
16 improvement and the like; and

17 WHEREAS, this legislation contains strong  
18 labor provisions including Davis-Bacon prevailing  
19 wage requirements which insures living wage jobs,  
20 equal opportunity employment, provisions for job  
21 safety and healthful work environment, union  
22 apprenticeship for young workers, with project  
23 labor agreements with building trades unions; and

24 WHEREAS, the destruction of the welfare  
25 safety net has created an urgent survival need for  
26 a massive number of jobs at a living wage in  
27 states across the country, including Connecticut,  
28 where thousands of families are in danger of  
29 losing welfare benefits with an insufficient  
30 number of good paying jobs to meet the demand; and

31 WHEREAS, the new federal law has resulted in  
32 workfare and other low wage, dead-end jobs which  
33 are being used to replace union jobs in the  
34 private and public sectors with current low-wage  
35 workers threatened with job loss; and

36 WHEREAS, this situation will bring down the  
37 wages and working conditions of all workers when  
38 what should be created are jobs that pay workers  
39 enough to raise a family and lift them out of  
40 poverty as is provided in the Martinez Jobs Bill,  
41 where living wage public works jobs on an  
42 emergency basis will be provided to hundreds of  
43 thousands with priority for hiring given to  
44 welfare recipients, the long-term unemployed,  
45 victims of plant and base closures, displaced  
46 workers, youth and unemployed building trades  
47 workers; and

48 WHEREAS, many cities and towns of Connecticut  
49 are in imminent need of massive funds for  
50 infrastructure repair and restoration along with  
51 jobs which the Martinez Bill would greatly  
52 alleviate, with public works and community  
53 improvement projects prioritized for communities  
54 and areas that suffer the highest levels of  
55 unemployment.

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this  
57 House of Representatives endorses the "Jobs  
58 Creation and Infrastructure Restoration Act" and  
59 calls upon the Congress of the United States to  
60 pass it in order to meet the urgent demands of the  
61 welfare, jobs and infrastructure crisis across the  
62 nation; and

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the  
64 House of Representatives cause a copy of this  
65 resolution to be delivered to all United States  
66 representatives and senators representing  
67 Connecticut in the Congress of the United States.

68 LAB COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 7 NAY 4 HF

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HR 13**

STATE IMPACT	Minimal Costs, Can Be Absorbed Within Normal Budgetary Resources, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Legislative Management

**EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

There will be a minimal cost associated with mailing copies of the resolution to the Connecticut Congressional delegation. It is anticipated that such costs can be handled within anticipated budgetary resources.

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