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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1621

As Adopted by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SCR 1621 urges the Congress and the President of the United States to halt the contract process for the Air Force midair refueling tanker until Congress and the President have reviewed and approved all the technical, security, and economic aspects of the purchase. The Resolution also urges the Congress and the President to take the following actions:

- Investigate the proposed outsourcing of taxpayer-funded jobs and its impact on the American economy; and
- Investigate and review the benefits, costs, and national security risks associated with contracting for the design and construction of high-technology military equipment and systems in and by foreign nations.

Enrolled copies of the Resolution would be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Background

A recent announcement awarding the contract for the construction of the mid-air refueling tanker by the Air Force to a foreign manufacturer has caused concern with this decision's impact on the aircraft industry in Kansas. The Resolution was referred directly to both the House and Senate Committees of the Whole.

^{*}Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.kslegislature.org