

## Senate Resolution 273

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Hudgens of the 47th, Balfour of the 9th and Seabaugh of the 28th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging Congress not to include a project labor agreement requirement in any economic  
2 stimulus legislation affecting the State of Georgia; urging President Barack Obama not to  
3 repeal the former administration's Executive Order 13202; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Code Section 34-6-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated prohibits  
5 mandatory union membership in this state, and as a consequence there are no unionized  
6 "closed shop" companies in Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, experience shows that when project labor agreements are required, work is  
8 almost always awarded to fully unionized companies; and
- 9 WHEREAS, if a project labor agreement were attached to any extension of any economic  
10 stimulus package intended to enhance infrastructure spending in this state, most Georgia  
11 workers would be excluded from the jobs thus created; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the economy can only be stimulated if Georgia citizens are given the  
13 opportunity of employment so as to support their families and enhance their communities and  
14 the state through increased spending and consumer confidence; and
- 15 WHEREAS, because union workers tend to receive above market wages and benefits, any  
16 provision requiring union-only employment as a condition for receiving federal money  
17 would mean higher construction costs to the state at a time when the state can least afford  
18 higher costs; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Executive Order 13202, signed by President Bush in 2001, declares that neither  
20 the federal government nor any federal agency shall require or prohibit construction workers  
21 to be members of a labor union as a condition for performing work on federally-funded  
22 projects.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 urge Congress not to include a project labor agreement in any economic stimulus package  
25 affecting the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge President Barack Obama  
27 not to rescind Executive Order 13202 prohibiting project labor agreements as a condition of  
28 receiving federal funds.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the United States Congress and to  
31 President Barack Obama.