

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ENACTMENT OF H. R. 6201 ROOSEVELT REDWOOD FOREST BILL HUMBOLFT CO.

WHEREAS, there was introduced into the Second Session, 79th Congress, H. R. 6201, otherwise known as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Redwood Forest Bill, and which undoubtedly will be reintroduced; and

WHEREAS, this Bill, among other effects, would remove from private enterprise and place under the control of the Federal Government practically the whole of the Coastal Redwood belt extending from the Oregon border to Bodega Bay and covering areas aggregating five hundred square miles; and

WHEREAS, it would provide for appropriations by Congress amounting to the sum of \$125,000,000 from an already overburdened Treasury to carry out the purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, there are sixty thousand acres of redwood lands in the State of California now dedicated to park purposes; and

WHEREAS, under the guise of creating a memorial, this Bill is in fact, an attempt to nationalize the source of raw material of the great part of the Redwood Industry; and

WHEREAS, it would render impracticable the continued operation of many existing small individual mills; and

WHEREAS, immeasurable economic loss and the serious weakening of local government would ensue from the enactment of such legislation; and WHEREAS, the California Forest Practices Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder guarantee the orderly, economical and scientific exploitation of the timber lands described in the Bill through selective logging, fire prevention rules, inspections and preservation measures; and

WHEREAS, following wide publicity of this Bill and free discussion of its provisions at numerous gatherings of governmental, business, professional, service and social groups in the major communities throughout the area affected, in each case resolutions opposing its enactment into law have been uniformly adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the EUREKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE express its unqualified disapproval of, and its militant opposition to, H. R. 6201; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of condemnation be appropriately engrossed and transmitted to the President of the United States, the individual members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives and to the Heads of Department of the Executive Branch of the United States Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chambers of Commerce of the United States and the State Chamber of Commerce in all of the States of the Union be requested to support the EUREKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE in its resistance to such legislation.

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Eureka Chamber of Commerce

Eureka, Calif.