

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

Offered by Senators Baruth, Beck, Bongartz, Brennan, Brock, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Douglass, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hart, Hashim, Heffernan, Lyons, Major, Mattos, Norris, Perchlik, Plunkett, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Watson, Westman and White,

S.R. 11. Senate resolution relating to supporting warm and cooperative relations on the part of both the United States and the State of Vermont with Canada and urging President Trump to remove all tariffs that he has imposed against Canadian imports and to refrain from subsequently imposing any new tariffs against Canadian imports.

Whereas, the United States and Canada have been military and diplomatic allies and economic partners, even though episodes of commercial disagreement, since Canadian confederation in 1867, and

Whereas, perhaps no American state has a closer and more active two-way relationship with our northern neighbor than the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, these ties entail personal, cultural, and economic relationships, and

Whereas, many Vermonters enjoy travel to Montreal and Quebec City while Canadians, especially Quebecers, reciprocate with journeys to Vermont to take advantage of the State's outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities, and

Whereas, on the economic front, for 2023, the Canadian Consulate in Boston reported that Vermont exported \$680 million in goods and \$165 million in services to Canada, and that same year, Vermont imported \$2.6 billion in goods from Canada, and Canadian investments in the State supported over 17,000 Vermont jobs, and

Whereas, according to the Department of Public Service, in 2023, 24 percent of Vermont's electric supply portfolio was served by Hydro-Québec, aside from any renewable energy credits, and Vermont Gas Systems receives 100 percent of its gas from Canada, and

Whereas, in recent years, Governor Philip Scott has repeatedly traveled to Montreal on trade missions and has strived to enhance Vermont-Quebec trade ties, and

Whereas, on the national level, according to TD Bank, during the first three quarters of 2024, approximately \$683 billion in combined goods and services was shipped in both directions across the United States-Canada border, and

Whereas, the same report also noted that Canada is the United States' number one export market, and significant elements of this trade are integrated commerce, especially in the automobile manufacturing sector, and

Whereas, Governor Philip Scott has established an interagency task force to prepare for the implementation of tariffs on Canadian goods, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont supports warm and cooperative relations on the part of both the United States and the State of Vermont with Canada and urges President Trump to remove all tariffs that he has imposed against Canadian imports and to refrain from subsequently imposing any new tariffs against Canadian imports, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Governor Philip B. Scott, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, Quebec Premier François Legault, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.