

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSJM 8008

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As Passed Senate, March 9, 1995

**Brief Description:** Requesting the United States to advocate for the admission of Taiwan to the United Nations.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, Sellar, Snyder, Newhouse, Gaspard, Fairley, Swecker, Deccio, Palmer, Drew, McDonald, Oke, Sutherland and Schow).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce & Trade: 1/30/95, 2/22/95 [DPS].  
Passed Senate, 3/9/95, 39-3.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & TRADE

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Joint Memorial No. 8008 be substituted therefor, and the substitute joint memorial do pass.

Signed by Senators Pelz, Chair; Heavey, Vice Chair; Deccio, Franklin, Hale, Newhouse, Palmer and Wojahn.

**Staff:** Jack Brummel (786-7428)

**Background:** Taiwan is one of Washington State's major trading partners. Taiwan is not currently a member of the United Nations but desires to become one.

**Summary of Bill:** The Legislature petitions the President and Congress to consider the beneficial commercial relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan; treat public officials of Taiwan with respect; and recognize the readiness of Taiwan to participate in the international community.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Testimony For:** This attempts to correct the unfair award of the China seat at the U.N. The 21 million people of Taiwan have no voice at the U.N.

**Testimony Against:** The U.S. has acknowledged the U.N. resolution recognizing the People's Republic of China as the single entity representing China.

**Testified:** Senator Wojahn (pro); Robert Chen, Taipei Economic Office (pro); Ruby Chow (pro); Ralph Munro, Secretary of State (con); Bert Heinemann, State Office of International Relations and Protocol (con).

**House Amendment(s):** References to Taiwan as the Republic of China are removed.