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3 By Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

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5 On page 1, line 8, beginning with "WHEREAS, The economy" strike all  
6 material through "Washington." on page 2, line 29, and insert the  
7 following:

8 "WHEREAS, A severe forest management crisis exists in the Pacific  
9 Northwest affecting the lives of thousands of timber workers, families,  
10 and communities; and

11 WHEREAS, There is a fundamental need to protect old growth forest  
12 ecosystems through comprehensive forest management of federal lands;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, A solution to the forest management crisis must include a  
15 perspective that economic needs and ecosystem protection are  
16 compatible; and

17 WHEREAS, The Clinton administration has demonstrated a willingness  
18 to bring key parties together in a forest summit and has sought input  
19 from many different parties on how, when, and where such a summit might  
20 be conducted; and

21 WHEREAS, Washington officials have offered to host this critical  
22 policy summit and to provide logistical support, including tours of  
23 forest areas and distressed timber communities; and

24 WHEREAS, There have been successful conflict resolution efforts in  
25 the past in Washington state regarding natural resource disputes by  
26 combining summits led by elected officials with more extended consensus  
27 efforts among a broad range of interested parties; and

28 WHEREAS, While the need is great to invest sufficient time to  
29 derive a lasting solution, many families in rural communities are in  
30 desperate need of early relief from the hardships this conflict has  
31 imposed on them;

32 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that you will  
33 pursue with all due speed the holding of a forest summit in the Pacific  
34 Northwest, with the overall goal of seeking long-term solutions to  
35 conflicts between fish and wildlife protection and timber harvesting.  
36 We further ask that the ideas and suggestions solicited from officials  
37 in the state of Washington be considered in making the important  
38 decisions about the conduct of the summit.

1 We respectfully ask that the following be adopted as guiding  
2 principles for the forest summit:

3 (1) All stakeholders should have a part in the summit process;

4 (2) Elected leaders should be the core of the process and should be  
5 accountable for final decisions;

6 (3) Information presented at the summit and used by summit  
7 participants should be based on the best scientific knowledge  
8 available; and

9 (4) While as great a consensus as possible should be sought at the  
10 summit, no one group should have veto power over summit  
11 recommendations.

12 Finally, we ask that the subjects covered by the summit process  
13 include the following:

14 (1) Assistance and retraining for timber workers and their  
15 families;

16 (2) Restoration of forests and salmonid stocks and habitat;

17 (3) Appropriate amount of preservation of old growth forest stands;

18 (4) Sustainable timber supply and production;

19 (5) Recovery areas for endangered or threatened species;

20 (6) Incentives for private landowners;

21 (7) The possibility of a federal/state/tribal partnership on  
22 ecosystem and landscape management;

23 (8) Economic development and diversification;

24 (9) Local government revenue; and

25 (10) Resolution of litigation.

26 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
27 transmitted, to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United  
28 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
29 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
30 Washington."