

HJM 4018 - S COMM AMD  
By Senator

1 Strike everything after page 1, line 7, and insert the following:

2 "WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry produces a high quality  
3 product; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry contributes important jobs and  
5 tax revenues to rural Washington and to the state of Washington through  
6 the production, packing, and shipment of apples across the United  
7 States and around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry is facing difficult economic  
9 times; and

10 WHEREAS, Washington apples face high tariffs in many markets around  
11 the world while apples imported into the United States face no tariffs;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mexico, a very important export market for United States  
14 apples, recently revoked the 1998 agreement on United States apples and  
15 this action has generated a 46.58 percent dumping duty applied to  
16 apples, which has nearly halted Washington apple shipments to Mexico;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Washington apple producers are working hard to negotiate  
19 an agreement with Mexico;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that fairer  
21 trade agreements be developed to create a level playing field for our  
22 domestic farmers and orchardists.

23 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
24 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
25 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
26 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
27 Washington."

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