

1-1 By: Staples S.C.R. No. 2
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and
1-4 Homeland Security; March 14, 2005, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 14, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.C.R. No. 2 By: Staples

1-8 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-9 WHEREAS, Created in 1999 to help state and local
1-10 jurisdictions prepare for a national emergency, the Strategic
1-11 National Stockpile is a repository of pharmaceuticals and medical
1-12 supplies administered jointly by the United States Department of
1-13 Homeland Security and United States Department of Health and Human
1-14 Services; and

1-15 WHEREAS, Currently, if an act of bioterrorism occurs within
1-16 Mexico near the United States border, it is up to each United States
1-17 border state, including Texas, to request and deploy the Strategic
1-18 National Stockpile across the border to protect the citizens of the
1-19 state; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Procedures for deploying Strategic National
1-21 Stockpile assets require the affected state governor's office to
1-22 request deployment from the Centers for Disease Control and
1-23 Prevention or the Department of Homeland Security; although the
1-24 assets are transferred to state and local authorities once they
1-25 arrive at the designated receiving and storage site in the affected
1-26 state, the stockpile materials remain a federal asset; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Deployment, which may include a mass antibiotic
1-28 dispensing operation, requires substantial state and local
1-29 resources to receive, secure, and distribute Strategic National
1-30 Stockpile assets; staging and dispensing the assets in another
1-31 country requires a coordinated, comprehensive approach that is best
1-32 addressed by the federal government; and

1-33 WHEREAS, The Homeland Security Act of 2002 charged the United
1-34 States Department of Homeland Security with defining the goals and
1-35 performance requirements of the Strategic National Stockpile
1-36 program as well as managing the actual deployment of assets;
1-37 critical to the success of this initiative is ensuring capacity at
1-38 the federal level to respond to binational public health
1-39 emergencies; now, therefore, be it

1-40 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-41 hereby respectfully request the Congress of the United States to
1-42 enact legislation to provide for federal deployment of the
1-43 Strategic National Stockpile within Mexico, provided that the
1-44 Mexican government approves said request pursuant to treaties and
1-45 other agreements with the United States; and, be it further

1-46 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
1-47 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
1-48 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
1-49 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
1-50 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
1-51 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
1-52 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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