

Congress Must Launch Emergency Action Now!

The following resolution, calling on the U.S. Congress to enact emergency legislation to save the U.S. auto industry and its crucial machine-tool component, is being circulated for endorsement by the LaRouche Political Action Committee (LPAC). More than 100 state legislators, county council, and city council members, trade union officials, former Congressmen, and other leading figures from across the United States, have added their names to an ad which will appear in the influential Capitol Hill weeklies The Hill (Wednesday, June 7) and Roll Call (Thursday, June 8).

The resolution is based upon Lyndon LaRouche's proposal for "Emergency Legislation, Now!" which is currently circulating in mass pamphlet form under the title "The U.S. Economic Recovery Act of 2006." LaRouche's objective in issuing that proposal, was to get immediate Congressional action, before the world financial system is hit by the next dramatic breakdown crisis, now impending by Fall at the latest.

Members of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) are spearheading the fight for the legislation, through organizing at state legislatures, Democratic state conventions, labor unions, and on the street. They are coordinating their efforts with a LYM team in Washington, D.C., which is meeting with Congressional offices, and fighting to get sponsors, and cosponsors of the legislation. Over the week of June 5 to June 9, approximately 100 members of the LYM will converge on the nation's capital to carry out a concerted push for the bill's introduction. At the conclusion of that week, Lyndon LaRouche will hold an international webcast, providing an evaluation of where the battle stands, and the immediate perspective for continuing the fight (June 9 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time, www.larouche-pac.com).

LaRouche has defined the battle for passing this legislation as a crucial benchmark for reversing the economic and political decline of the United States, as well as for reorienting the political parties toward the essential tasks before the nation. LPAC organizers report that constituency leaders around the country understand this idea, and are determined to get their Congressmen to act.

Here is the text of the resolution:

In March of 2005, Lyndon LaRouche warned that General Motors was facing imminent collapse. He called for Congress to intervene with an emergency reconstruction policy

designed to save the industry as a whole, as a crucial component of a drive for overall economic recovery. He proposed that the Federal government intervene by placing the productive capacity of the industry into government-supervised receivership, and then fund the retooling and expansion of that capacity to supply the components of desperately needed national infrastructure projects. He stressed that any liquidation of the present structure of the physical productive capacities of the auto industry, especially its machine-tool sector, would do irreparable damage to our physical economy and mean not only the end of the United States as a leading physical economic power, but would also result in related kinds of chain-reaction damage to the world economy as a whole.

The world financial system is already in a state of mixed hyperinflationary and deflationary collapse, which necessitates instituting an FDR-style recovery program to save civilization.

The Congress's failure to act then has brought us to the point that today, 65 major auto-sector plants, with over 75 million square feet of machine-tool capacity, are being shut down this year and next. These shutdowns will cost 75,000 skilled industrial jobs directly, and 300,000 more through immediate radiating effects on smaller supply plants and machine-tool shops. What is about to be shut represents the capacity to build over 2.5 million cars and light trucks a year. But, more importantly, in terms of urgent national economic investment, it represents a unique industrial capability to build an urgently needed new national infrastructure of transportation, power, and more.

LaRouche has authored a statement of principle titled *The U.S. Economic Recovery Act of 2006*. It calls on Congress to intervene to save our auto capacity *now*; to retool the 50% or more unutilized capacity of the auto industry for production of new national infrastructure, particularly high-speed rail corridors and new electricity grids centered on nuclear power. It gives us the opportunity to save ourselves; to turn our nation, and the world, onto a course of prosperity, and away from the current descent into a New Dark Age. Already, state legislatures in Alabama, Vermont, and Rhode Island have weighed in with memorials to Congress demanding that Congress enact this retooling legislation. They have been joined by city and county councils across the nation's industrial heartland.

We urge members of Congress, regardless of party affiliation or geographic origin, to enact the urgently needed emergency Federal legislation specified in the *U.S. Economic Recovery Act of 2006* to prevent the threatened immediate collapse and shutdown of the physical productive capacity of the U.S. auto sector and to put our nation on the road to becoming, once again, the greatest productive economy in the world.