



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held April 6, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“South Bay Congressmembers Jane Harman and Juanita Millender-McDonald have recently introduced H.R. 3712 titled: ‘United States Seaport Multiyear Security Enhancement Act.’ This legislation would secure more than \$5.5 billion in Federal money over ten years among the Nation’s seaports to enhance security. Less than 2% of all containers that come through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are screened. This funding would allow the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Federal agency charged with port security, to develop projects for port safety, including cargo inspection technology, floating barriers and perimeter security, closed-circuit television surveillance, the installation of detection systems, fencing and lighting. It would allow the creation of an emergency response plan to include port evacuation and mass casualty situations, and it would help local ports to determine what security infrastructure is needed for projects in development.

“America’s seaports need to be protected as much as our airports, and other possible targets of terrorism that exist in Los Angeles County. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach comprise the Nation’s busiest and world’s third largest port complex with 43% of United States waterborne cargo flowing through it each year. The value of trade through our two local ports was almost \$215 billion in 2002 and it is estimated that an attack on the ports could impact the United States economy by \$1 billion to \$2 billion dollars each day that the ports are affected. It is imperative that action be taken to protect the lives of workers in the port complexes as well as surrounding communities.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board went on record in support of H.R. 3712 (Millender-McDonald), legislation titled the "United States Seaport Multiyear Security Enhancement Act," which would secure more than \$5.5 billion in Federal money over ten years among the Nation's seaports to enhance security; and instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter to President Bush, Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation urging support and early enactment of H.R. 3712.

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