

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(9)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 21, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
the sale of P & O to Dubai
Ports World

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Katy Sorenson.



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**
- No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

2-21-06

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO HOLD HEARINGS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SECURITY OF THE DANTE B. FASCELL PORT OF MIAMI-DADE AND OTHER U.S. PORTS WILL BE UNDERMINED BY THE SALE OF PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY TO DUBAI PORTS WORLD, AND ALSO TO INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDING TO DEEP WATER PORTS FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH POST-9/11 SEAPORT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the British firm Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company (P & O), with the approval of the Bush administration, has been sold to the government-owned Dubai Ports World of the United Arab Emirates (UAE); and

WHEREAS, the \$6.8 billion sale gives the UAE company a substantial role in the terminal operations at six major ports in this country, including the Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade; and

WHEREAS, homeland security experts have long identified seaports as targets for potential terrorist attack and the Port of Miami-Dade has been considered a particular target given its size and location; and

WHEREAS, the UAE is a U.S. ally, but also served as a base for some of the hijackers involved in the 9/11 attacks; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of P & O by an UAE controlled company may cause the Port of Miami-Dade to incur additional security related costs; and

WHEREAS, these additional security expenses will be necessitated by the Port's mandatory compliance with numerous federal security mandates, the costs of which are predominantly unfunded by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, maintaining security at the Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade and other U.S. ports is of primary importance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress to hold hearings to determine whether the security of the Port of Miami-Dade and other U.S. ports will be undermined by the sale of P & O to Dubai Ports World.

Section 2. Urges the U.S. Congress to increase federal funding to deep-water ports, like the Port of Miami-Dade, for the purpose of funding compliance with post 9/11 federal security requirements.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of February, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Steven B. Bass

