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SENATE RESOLUTION 659

Sponsors: Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Smith-Ingram and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 5, 2017

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND
2 CONFIRMATION OF TONY COPELAND AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF COMMERCE.

4 Whereas, pursuant to G.S. 143B-9(a), the Governor shall notify the President of the
5 Senate of the name of each person to be nominated as head of a principal State department; and

6 Whereas, each nomination is subject to senatorial advice and consent in
7 conformance with Section 5(8) of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution; and

8 Whereas, a vacancy existed in one such position prior to the convening of the 2017
9 General Assembly; and

10 Whereas, under G.S. 143B-9(a), the Governor is authorized to make an appointment
11 to such a vacancy pending further action by the Senate; and

12 Whereas, the Governor has appointed Tony Copeland to serve as Secretary of the
13 Department of Commerce pending further action by the Senate; Now, therefore,

14 Be it resolved by the Senate:

15 **SECTION 1.** That the Senate shall hereby consider whether to confirm Tony
16 Copeland as Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

17 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

