

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress not to enact hasty or not well-thought-out climate
2 change legislation.

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States, along with 155 other countries, rejected the Kyoto
4 Protocol's energy-rationing scheme and even though the United States did not ratify the treaty,
5 the rate of growth in carbon dioxide emissions in America is less than half that of many of
6 Kyoto's signatory countries in Europe and elsewhere; and

7 **WHEREAS**, climate has always changed, and always will, and there has been no stable
8 period of climate during the Holocene epoch, our own climatic era, which began with the end of
9 the last ice age 12,000 years ago and during the Holocene epoch there have been sub-periods
10 with dramatically varied climate, such as the warm Holocene Optimum (7000 B.C. to
11 3000 B.C.), the warm Roman Optimum (200 B.C. to 400 A.D.), the cold Dark Ages (400 A.D. to
12 900 A.D.), the Medieval Warm Period (900 A.D. to 1300 A.D.), the little ice age (1300 A.D. to
13 1850 A.D.), and our own time of relative warmth (1850 A.D. to present); and

14 **WHEREAS**, ice core data indicate higher carbon dioxide concentrations do not cause
15 global warming, and that in fact, the opposite is true, and that ice core data shows that
16 temperature rises precede rises in carbon dioxide by, on average, 800 years and that when the
17 ocean atmosphere system warms, the oceans discharge vast quantities of carbon dioxide in a
18 process known as de-gassing; and

19 **WHEREAS**, global-warming proposals would produce no discernible benefit for the
20 environment and that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states that doubling
21 atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations would warm the planet three degrees Centigrade by
22 2100 and assuming this is accurate, if it were possible to eliminate all United States carbon
23 dioxide emissions associated with electric generation in the next 10 years, at a cost of trillions
24 of dollars, the reduction in emissions would lower the global average temperature an
25 undetectable 0.07 degrees Centigrade; and

1 **WHEREAS**, global-warming theorists' claims that melting sea ice will doom the polar
2 bears to extinction are vastly exaggerated and new data from the University of Illinois Arctic
3 Climate Research Center shows that global sea ice levels are now equal to those seen
4 29 years ago when sea ice recordkeeping began, and that furthermore, polar bears are strong
5 swimmers, and the population of polar bears has grown fivefold in the last 50 years; and

6 **WHEREAS**, no evidence exists to demonstrate sea levels are rising at an accelerated
7 rate and that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports no statistically significant
8 change in the rate of increase over the past century, and that furthermore, satellite altimetry
9 data indicate that the rate at which the world's oceans are rising has slowed significantly since
10 2005; and

11 **WHEREAS**, reports of a global retreat of glaciers are based on selective data and
12 glaciers are advancing in many parts of the world, including Mount St. Helens and Mount
13 Rainier in Washington, Mount Shasta in California, and Mount McKinley in Alaska; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the science behind global warming is not settled and the impact of human
15 activity on global temperatures is questioned by thousands of reputable scientists, many of
16 whom believe natural variations in solar intensity and ocean currents have a much greater
17 influence on planetary temperatures and other scientists note important impacts of humans
18 other than greenhouse gas emissions, such as land use alterations, deforestation, urbanization,
19 and irrigation; and

20 **WHEREAS**, claims that global warming will lead to stronger storms, droughts, and
21 floods are based on highly speculative computer modeling and many scientists predict the
22 effects of global warming may be benign or even beneficial and that higher carbon dioxide
23 concentrations enhance plant growth and warmer winters would mean longer growing seasons,
24 lower winter heating bills, and fewer cold-related deaths; and

25 **WHEREAS**, historical temperature and precipitation records show no definitive trends in
26 North Dakota as temperatures were the hottest in the 1930s, long before the growth in
27 greenhouse gas emissions and numbers may vary more than 10 inches of moisture and
28 10 degrees of temperature from one year to the next, suggesting there is no such thing as
29 "normal" weather in North Dakota; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the accuracy of temperature data compiled by the United States Historical
31 Climatological Network using land-based temperature instruments is subject to doubt and an

1 ongoing assessment of the more than 1,200 United States Historical Climatological Network
2 monitoring sites shows only 3 percent of those sites surveyed are in strict conformance with
3 siting specifications, while nearly 70 percent of sites are influenced by artificial heating sources,
4 such as air-conditioning units or asphalt parking lots; and

5 **WHEREAS**, temperature data produced using microwaving sensing instruments on
6 board orbiting satellites is not subject to ground-based contamination and these satellite
7 records show global average temperatures have leveled off the last 10 years and have actually
8 declined since 2002; and

9 **WHEREAS**, strong financial incentives exist to perpetuate the carbon dioxide
10 global-warming theory, which in turn may motivate those who would benefit to misrepresent
11 facts, distort the truth through selective use of data, or ignore or suppress empirical evidence
12 that conflicts with the popular belief and climate researchers and modelers depend on
13 government grants, news media ratings are supported by scary headlines, environmentalists
14 and corporations profit by promoting green technology, traders and major market firms see
15 potential billions of dollars in carbon trading, and politicians and political activists see global
16 warming as a way to accomplish ulterior goals about changing society and increasing their
17 power base and no science is immune to the infection of politics and the corruption of power;

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
19 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

20 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States not to
21 enact hasty or not well-thought-out climate change legislation; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
23 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.