

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030
(Representative Belter)
(Senator Christmann)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to use common sense principles for congressional action on climate change legislation.

WHEREAS, if federal action is taken on greenhouse gas reduction programs, the programs should be developed and implemented by the United States Congress on a bipartisan basis and not by federal agencies acting unilaterally to implement policy outside of the Congress; and

WHEREAS, federal action aimed to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide should not impede economic growth, new job creation, or lower the standard of living for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, federal action should incorporate a fully transparent cost-benefit assessment yielding a net positive outcome and achieving wide consensus as part of any carbon dioxide emission reduction program so that consumers can be made aware of the potential economic impacts of policies before their implementation; and

WHEREAS, federal action should encourage the rapid research, development, demonstration, and deployment, through public-private partnerships, of a broad spectrum of supply-side and demand-side technologies and practices, including energy efficiency, renewable technologies, fossil energy technologies with and without carbon capture and storage, carbon sequestration, and nuclear energy; and

WHEREAS, federal action should allow the utility sector to continue to supply consumers with adequate supplies of clean, affordable, and reliable energy and to recover all costs necessary to achieve any greenhouse gas reduction levels sought by public policies; and

WHEREAS, federal action should involve all sectors of the economy, all sources and sinks, and all types of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, federal action should recognize that climate variability is a global phenomenon that requires comprehensive, long-term, and worldwide responses; and

WHEREAS, federal action should recognize that the timeframe for implementation of any greenhouse gas reduction requirements must be scientifically based and tied to technology availability, reliability, and economic feasibility in order to avoid unacceptable impacts on consumers; and

WHEREAS, federal action should allow greater access to onshore and offshore public lands for the development of domestic energy resources such as renewables, oil and gas, oil shale, and coal that can be used in power generation technologies that can keep America a leader in economic development; and

WHEREAS, federal action should recognize and protect existing and past investment decisions for generation resources such that the net costs of owning and operating existing resources are not increased as a result of any program and that any carbon emission reduction program must be limited in its impact to future investment decisions and tailored to the actual net future growth in demand for energy after application and full use of existing resources;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to use common sense principles for congressional action on climate change legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President, the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State