

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030

Page 1, line 1, after "A concurrent resolution" replace the remainder of the resolution with "urging Congress to use common sense principles for Congressional action on climate change legislation.

WHEREAS, federal action on greenhouse gas reduction 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 should aim to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide while the economy continues to grow, new jobs are created, and the standard of living for all Americans increases; 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 tied to technology availability, reliability, and economic feasibility in order to avoid unacceptable impacts on consumers; and

WHEREAS, federal action should target revenues generated by a climate change program to the rapid development and deployment of technologies to capture and store greenhouse gases; 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 help America reduce its greenhouse gas intensity; 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."

Renumber accordingly