Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030

Introduced by

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1   A concurrent resolution urging Congress to use common sense principles for Congressional

2   action on climate change legislation.

3   **WHEREAS**, federal action on greenhouse gas reduction programs should be developed

4   and implemented by the United States Congress on a bipartisan basis and not by federal

5   agencies acting unilaterally to implement policy outside of the Congress; and

6   **WHEREAS**, federal action should aim to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide while the

7   economy continues to grow, new jobs are created, and the standard of living for all Americans

8   increases; and

9   **WHEREAS**, federal action should incorporate a fully transparent cost-benefit

10   assessment yielding a net positive outcome and achieving wide consensus as part of any

11   carbon dioxide emission reduction program so that consumers can be made aware of the

12   potential economic impacts of policies before their implementation; and

13   **WHEREAS**, federal action should encourage the rapid research, development,

14   demonstration, and deployment, through public-private partnerships, of a broad spectrum of

15   supply-side and demand-side technologies and practices, including energy efficiency,

16   renewable technologies, fossil energy technologies with and without carbon capture and

17   storage, carbon sequestration, and nuclear energy; and

18   **WHEREAS**, federal action should allow the utility sector to continue to supply

19   consumers with adequate supplies of clean, affordable, and reliable energy and to recover all

20   costs necessary to achieve any greenhouse gas reduction levels sought by public policies; and

21   **WHEREAS**, federal action should involve all sectors of the economy, all sources and

22   sinks, and all types of greenhouse gases; and

23   **WHEREAS**, federal action should recognize that climate variability is a global

24   phenomenon that requires comprehensive, long-term, and worldwide responses; and

1   **WHEREAS**, federal action should recognize that the timeframe for implementation of

2   any greenhouse gas reduction requirements must be tied to technology availability, reliability,

3   and economic feasibility in order to avoid unacceptable impacts on consumers; and

4   **WHEREAS**, federal action should target revenues generated by a climate change

5   program to the rapid development and deployment of technologies to capture and store

6   greenhouse gases; and

7   **WHEREAS**, federal action should allow greater access to onshore and offshore public

8   lands for the development of domestic energy resources such as renewables, oil and gas, oil

9   shale, and coal that can be used in power generation technologies that can help America

10   reduce its greenhouse gas intensity; and

11   **WHEREAS**, federal action should recognize and protect existing and past investment

12   decisions for generation resources such that the net costs of owning and operating existing

13   resources are not increased as a result of any program and that any carbon emission reduction

14   program must be limited in its impact to future investment decisions and tailored to the actual

15   net future growth in demand for energy after application and full use of existing resources;

16   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

17   **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

18   That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to use

19   common sense principles for congressional action on climate change legislation; and

20   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this

21   resolution to the President, the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and the Majority and

22   Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.