

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **WHEREAS**, federal action should recognize that climate variability is a global
25 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 scientifically based and tied to technology
3 availability, reliability, and economic feasibility in order to avoid unacceptable impacts on
4 consumers; and

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

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

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

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

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