

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91

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A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to address the issue of global climate change through the adoption of a fair and effective approach that safeguards American jobs, ensures affordable energy for citizens, and maintains America's global competitiveness.

WHEREAS, there is some scientific belief that greenhouse gases could impact the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the greenhouse gas emissions of developing countries are rising more rapidly than the emissions of the United States and have surpassed the greenhouse gas emissions of the United States and other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana accounts for only 0.48% of total global greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not eliminate American jobs or diminish the ability of American industry to compete in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not add to the already high costs of power and gasoline; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must reward, and not punish, early adopters of energy efficient technologies and practice; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must adopt an international component to prevent "emissions leakage" and ensure that emissions do not simply migrate to another nation; and

WHEREAS, the only manner to quantify these emissions is through a domestic and international greenhouse gas emissions registry that is uniform, transparent, and verifiable; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gases must ensure that the adopted regime does not result in the off-shoring of international trade sensitive industries; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has lost over thirty thousand one hundred manufacturing jobs since 1998, which is a sixteen percent decrease; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must ensure the availability of sufficient and affordable energy, including clean energy, before restricting emissions in a manner that could reduce the volume of energy available to consumers; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must provide credits or allowances to support operations, such as recycling and other practices, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, any action taken by Congress should be structured to:

- (1) Promote American jobs;
- (2) Save American citizens and industry from higher energy prices;
- (3) Reward early adopters of efficient practices and technologies;
- (4) Prevent "emissions leakage"; and
- (5) Champion the global competitiveness of American industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to address the issue of global climate change through the adoption of a fair and effective approach that safeguards American jobs, ensures affordable energy for citizens, and maintains America's global competitiveness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE