

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 41

By: Lamb of the Senate

5 and

6 Osborn of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution opposing federal cap and
10 trade proposals and certain United States
11 Environmental Protection Agency regulations; and
12 directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, federal legislative proposals designed to control
14 pollution by providing economic incentives for achieving reductions
15 in the emissions of pollutants, otherwise known as cap and trade,
16 would result in significantly higher production costs for many of
17 our state businesses, especially Oklahoma's two principal
18 industries: agriculture and oil and gas; and

19 WHEREAS, the potential benefits of agricultural offsets from cap
20 and trade proposals are unavailable to many producers, are far
21 outweighed by the costs and would be harmful to the entire United
22 States agricultural system - one of the most productive systems in
23 the world; and
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1 WHEREAS, such cap and trade proposals threaten our nation's
2 energy security and move our national energy policy away from clean
3 burning domestically produced natural gas; and

4 WHEREAS, many oil and gas producers oppose cap and trade
5 legislation because they fear Americans will see only higher energy
6 prices and job losses as a result, and they continue to stress the
7 importance of producing clean-burning, domestically produced natural
8 gas resources as the best way to help reduce pollution; and

9 WHEREAS, the Obama administration's latest economic projections
10 show that the proposed cap and trade legislation would result in
11 planting trees on fifty-nine million acres of crop and pasture land
12 thereby threatening the capability of our nation's agricultural
13 producers to feed a growing world population and causing a
14 significant rise in consumer food prices; and

15 WHEREAS, intense public scrutiny has revealed how unsettled the
16 science is on climate change and the unwillingness of many of the
17 world's climatologists to share data or even entertain opposing
18 viewpoints on the subject; and

19 WHEREAS, the recent climate summit in Copenhagen resulted in
20 demands for the United States to transfer billions of dollars to the
21 developing world to fight climate change, but produced no meaningful
22 agreement; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to their concern over federal cap and trade
24 legislation, our nation's farmers would be further burdened by the

1 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposals to selectively
2 regulate greenhouse gases under the federal Clean Air Act, and on
3 their behalf we oppose any attempt to enact such regulation.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
5 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate strongly opposes federal cap and
8 trade proposals and supports any legislative action that would
9 suspend the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's authority to
10 regulate greenhouse gases under the provisions of the federal Clean
11 Air Act.

12 THAT the members of this body strongly urge the members of the
13 United States Congress to block further federal involvement in
14 climate change legislation that would be detrimental to the
15 agricultural and oil and gas producers of this nation, and on their
16 behalf we further send this message to Congress: "Don't Cap Our
17 Future".

18 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the members of
19 the Oklahoma congressional delegation.

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