

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1623

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the President of the United
2 States to stop importing oil and gas from Russia and restore energy
3 independence in the United States.
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5 WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, Russia began a full-scale invasion
6 of Ukraine; and

7 WHEREAS, The ramifications of this act have rippled across the
8 world, creating economic uncertainty in its wake; and

9 WHEREAS, The world is looking to America for energy leadership
10 and stability as the current geopolitical events pose continued economic
11 disruptions at a time when inflation already adversely affects households
12 around the globe; and

13 WHEREAS, Energy independence and security should be a national
14 priority as nothing is more essential to economic growth than reliable,
15 affordable and abundant energy; and

16 WHEREAS, Punitive, unnecessary and burdensome regulations on
17 small businesses in the oil and gas industry only hinder progress toward
18 energy independence; and

19 WHEREAS, America must take a stand and immediately stop
20 importing all oil, gas and biofuels from Russia; and

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
22 *Representatives concurring therein:* That we urge President Biden to
23 consider the current geopolitical tensions and support policies that take
24 measures to ensure America's long-term energy affordability, security,
25 leadership and progress, including actions that continue the operation of
26 existing oil and natural gas pipelines and the construction of new
27 pipelines, including the Keystone pipeline; and

28 *Be it further resolved:* That we urge the President of the United States
29 to stop importing oil and gas from Russia and restore energy
30 independence in the United States; and

31 *Be it further resolved:* That we urge the President of the United States
32 to reevaluate energy policies that have curtailed domestic production of
33 oil and natural gas; and

1 *Be it further resolved:* We urge the President of the United States to
2 utilize our nation's abundant natural resources and relationships with
3 energy-producing allies as leverage against a Russian regime that is intent
4 on disrupting world peace and threatening global stability; and

5 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
6 enrolled copy of this resolution to President of the United States Joseph
7 R. Biden and three enrolled copies to Senators Billinger and Fagg.