Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3028

Introduced by

Representatives Headland, Grande, Heller

Senators Christmann, Wanzek, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to adopt legislation prohibiting the Environmental

2 Protection Agency by any means necessary from regulating greenhouse emissions, including, if

3 necessary, defunding Environmental Protection Agency greenhouse gas regulatory activities;

4 imposing a moratorium on adoption on any new air quality regulations by the Environmental

5 Protection Agency by any means necessary, except those directly addressing an imminent

6 health or environmental emergency, for a period of at least two years, including defunding

7 Environmental Protection Agency air quality regulatory activities; and requiring the

8 administration to undertake a study identifying all regulatory activity the Environmental

9 Protection Agency intends to undertake in furtherance of its goal of "taking action on climate

10 change and improving air quality" and specifying the cumulative effect of all these regulations

11 on the economy, jobs, and American economic competitiveness.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has proposed or is proposing numerous new regulations, particularly in the area of air quality and regulation of greenhouse gases, that are likely to have major effects on the economy, jobs, and United States competitiveness in worldwide markets; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's regulatory activity as to air quality and greenhouse gases has become known as the "train wreck" because of the numerous and overlapping requirements and because of the potentially devastating consequences this

19 regulatory activity may have on the economy; and

20 WHEREAS, concern is growing that, with cap and trade legislation having failed in

21 Congress, the Environmental Protection Agency is attempting to obtain the same results

22 through the adoption of regulations; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency overregulation is driving jobs and industry
out of the United States; and

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1 WHEREAS, neither the Environmental Protection Agency nor the administration has 2 undertaken any comprehensive study of what the cumulative effect of all of this new regulatory 3 activity will have on the economy, jobs, and competitiveness; and 4 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has not performed any comprehensive 5 study of what the environmental benefits of its greenhouse gas regulation will be in terms of 6 impacts on the global climate; and 7 WHEREAS, state agencies are routinely required to identify the costs of their regulations 8 and to justify those costs in light of the benefits; and 9 WHEREAS, since the Environmental Protection Agency has identified "taking action on 10 climate change and improving air quality" as its first strategic goal for the 2011-15 time period, 11 the Environmental Protection Agency should be required to identify the specific actions it 12 intends to take to achieve these goals and to assess the total cost of all these actions together; 13 and 14 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly supports continuing improvement in the quality of the 15 nation's air and believes that such improvement can be made in a sensible fashion without 16 damaging the economy, provided there is a full understanding of the cost of the regulations at 17 issue; and 18 **WHEREAS**, the primary goal of government at the present time must be to promote 19 economic recovery and to foster a stable and predictable business environment that will lead to 20 the creation of jobs; and 21 WHEREAS, public health and welfare will suffer without significant new job creation and 22 economic improvement because people with good jobs are better able to take care of 23 themselves and their families than the unemployed and because environmental improvement is 24 only possible in a society that generates wealth; 25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 26 NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN: 27 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges Congress to adopt legislation prohibiting 28 the Environmental Protection Agency by any means necessary from regulating greenhouse 29 emissions, including, if necessary, defunding Environmental Protection Agency greenhouse gas 30 regulatory activities; imposing a moratorium on adoption on any new air quality regulations by 31 the Environmental Protection Agency by any means necessary, except those directly

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1 addressing an imminent health or environmental emergency, for a period of at least two years, 2 including defunding Environmental Protection Agency air quality regulatory activities; and 3 requiring the administration to undertake a study identifying all regulatory activity that the 4 Environmental Protection Agency intends to undertake in furtherance of its goal of "taking action 5 on climate change and improving air quality" and specifying the cumulative effect of all these 6 regulations on the economy, jobs, and American economic competitiveness; and 7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this study be a multiagency study drawing on the 8 expertise of the Environmental Protection Agency and of agencies and departments having 9 expertise and responsibility for the economy and the electric system and should provide an 10 objective cost-benefit analysis of all of the Environmental Protection Agency's current and 11 planned regulation together; and 12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution 13 to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the 14 Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the United States House of 15 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the 16 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the administrator of the Environmental 17 Protection Agency, the director of the federal Office of Management and Budget, and to each 18 member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.