

SHORT TITLE: Resolution; memorializing Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to take action to stay effective date of certain regulation; directing distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 1

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution memorializing the Oklahoma Congressional delegation to take necessary action to stay effective date of certain federal regulations for purpose of pursuing a fair and equitable permit; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, agriculture is a critical component of Oklahoma's economy; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is Oklahoma's major employer including persons involved in production agriculture, input sales, transportation, marketing and processing; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's primary growth in jobs, capital investments, and revenues for the past three years has been in agriculture and the processing of agricultural products, evidenced by twenty-two announcements for the construction and major expansion of food processing facilities in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the trend of this current positive growth is in jeopardy of being needlessly impaired resulting in negative growth as evidenced by input provided by major companies and project leaders wishing to conduct business in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the value of crops and livestock in Oklahoma is directly impacted by a producer's ability to market crops and livestock; and

WHEREAS, the producer's ability to market livestock may be needlessly jeopardized, evidenced by an estimated twenty-five percent of livestock markets which could cease to operate; and

WHEREAS, the feedlot industry is Oklahoma's number one consumer of feedgrains; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma feedlots will be needlessly restricted from further growth and in certain areas of the state will be specifically restricted from any activity; and

WHEREAS, the cause of all of these effects is the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit filed by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register on February 8, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the published NPDES permit requires Environmental Impact Assessments be conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency prior to the permitting of facilities; and

WHEREAS, the amount of time required to obtain such an assessment and its approval is very lengthy; and

WHEREAS, the federal government by and through the Environmental Protection Agency has imposed stricter requirements on Region VI of which Oklahoma is a member making Oklahoma less competitive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation be memorialized to take all necessary actions to stay the effective date of 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 122, as published in the Federal Register on February 8, 1993, for the purpose of pursuing a permit which is fair and equitable to all fifty states.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to all members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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