

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1001

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Tyler and Wells of the
House

and

Littlefield, Haney and
Rabon of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to investigate the recent increase in the price of propane and to take action to protect the consumers of propane; calling on the Governor to investigate the matter of increased propane cost in Oklahoma and make recommendations; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, liquefied petroleum gas or propane is a vital resource which is used in a myriad of ways, including home heating, a variety of agricultural applications and by the poultry industry; and

WHEREAS, propane has traditionally been a reliable and economic source of fuel; and

WHEREAS, the price of propane is currently unregulated at the state or federal level; and

WHEREAS, over the past year the United States has seen the price of propane skyrocket, with an average increase of over thirty percent (30%) in the past year; and

WHEREAS, industry representatives and experts have said that lowered inventories of propane and an early cold snap, layered on top of increased worldwide demand has spurred panic buying and pushed up the cost of propane; and

WHEREAS, higher propane prices are not only hurting the consumer, but are also adversely affecting the smaller distributors who are not able to recover all of the higher wholesale costs; and

WHEREAS, the soaring prices have created a crisis which is having a devastating effect on the users of propane, which in most cases are low- to moderate-income individuals or marginal agriculture-related businesses which cannot afford the wildly fluctuating prices; and

WHEREAS, unless steps are taken to control the price of propane fuel now and to prevent such occurrences in the future, many individuals and businesses will suffer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to undertake an immediate review of the recent increases in the price of propane and to determine the reasons for the increases, including the possibility of price fixing, and to investigate the possibility of taking action to protect consumers of propane from such dramatic fluctuations in price, including the possibility of imposing regulations.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature calls on the Governor to use the power of the executive branch to investigate the problem of soaring propane prices in Oklahoma and to make recommendations which will protect the consumers of propane in Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and to the Governor.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of
February, 1997.

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Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of April, 1997.

Senate President of the