SHORT TITLE: Resolution creating Senate inquiry into rising natural gas and propane costs; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 2 By: Shurden and Long

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution relating to rising natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas prices; instructing certain Senate Committee to make inquiry into causes of fuel price increases; requiring Committee to meet and authorizing certain report and recommendations to Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the rising cost of natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas (propane) have skyrocketed in recent months thereby causing much hardship on Oklahoma citizens; and

WHEREAS, with winter weather dropping temperatures down to record cold levels and making heating a critical need; and

WHEREAS, rising costs, more than double in some cases, have made the price of natural gas and propane out of reach for many of our rural working families and elderly citizens on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, while natural gas and propane suppliers have given many reasons for the upsurge in cost, it is unknown for certain why the market forces of supply and demand have produced such high prices and this phenomenon deserves further study by the Legislature on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma who rely on natural gas and propane to heat their homes and businesses.

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

THAT the President Pro Tempore of the Senate instructs the Senate Business and Labor Committee to inquire into the causes of

the recent natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas price increases on behalf of the citizens of this state.

THAT the Chair and members of the Senate Business and Labor Committee, with the assistance of the Senate staff and any state agency necessary, shall meet during the 1st Session of the 46th Legislature to conduct an inquiry into the increase in natural gas and propane prices and may report their findings and recommendations to the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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