

By: Shurden of the Senate

and

Smith (Dale) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to adopt the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 to provide additional funding for the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism and Recreation and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation are chronically underfunded; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 has been introduced in Congress as H.R. 701 and S. 25; and

WHEREAS, this federal legislation would provide a portion of already existing revenues from the Outer Continental Shelf offshore oil and gas leases to both the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the amount to be received by the Department of Wildlife Conservation would be between ten and twelve million dollars annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature memorializes Congress to take all necessary actions to ensure the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 is adopted with funding for the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation to provide funds for both game and non-game programs for Oklahoma's state parks.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma's
Congressional Delegation.

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