

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1007

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A Resolution memorializing the United States Congress to pass multi-emission legislation reducing nitrogen oxides; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the federal government, state and local governments and communities, and electric power providers have a common interest in assuring compliance with our nation=s air quality goals; and

WHEREAS, electric power providers have significantly reduced air emissions, but additional reductions are needed to help address these air quality goals; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act provides continued reductions in emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO²), nitrogen oxides (No^x) and mercury from electric power facilities with numerous regulatory decisions mandated over the next two decades that will have unpredictable outcomes; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Clean Air Act=s multiple, overlapping requirements could be streamlined to facilitate greater, more efficient and more certain emission reductions, that would reduce litigation that often causes significant delays in achieving air quality goals; and

WHEREAS, a new federal emission reduction program could help to resolve regional and national air quality challenges, interstate environmental conflicts and reduce inconsistencies between state programs; and

WHEREAS, the implications of any emission reduction programs on consumer energy prices and electric power reliability must be factored into policy decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives memorializes the United States Congress to pass multi-emission legislation in 2005 that significantly reduces emissions of SO², No^x and mercury from electric power generators and helps the Nation toward attainment of federal air quality standards without exacerbating imbalances in the natural gas market.

THAT the final multi-emission reduction program should maintain and encourage a diverse fuel supply that will benefit states and local communities, consumers and manufacturers, as well as maintain and promote electric power reliability, availability and affordability.

THAT reductions under such a program should be achieved using an emissions cap-and-trade approach patterned after the successful Clean Air Act acid rain program.

THAT the ongoing development of combined heat and power units be encouraged by exempting energy efficient and low-emitting units from multi-emission legislation and allowing them to opt into the program.

THAT such a program should streamline Clean Air Act provisions given that SO², No_x and mercury emissions caps will substantially reduce the amount of emissions from electric power facilities.

THAT such a program should require strict enforcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and strict fines for violations.

THAT we support the Clear Skies Initiative provided that the final version does not contain carbon dioxide emission or carbon sequestration regulations or standards. We urge the President to veto any legislation that contains carbon dioxide emission standards.

THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States of America.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of
February, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives