

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1046

By: DeWitt of the House

and

Anderson of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution to request the President and Congress of the United States to develop energy resources on the nation's Outer Continental Shelf in order to provide needed energy resources to the United States in an environmentally responsible manner; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, U.S. energy use is growing twice as fast as U.S. energy production and since 2000, natural gas prices are up 140 percent and oil prices are up 107 percent; and

WHEREAS, farmers are suffering from added energy-related expenses. According to the United States Department of Agriculture farmers' fuel, oil and electricity expenditures have increased from \$8.6 billion to \$11.5 billion since 1999. These increases represent a \$4.5 billion decline in the U.S. fertilizer industry which uses natural gas as a raw material to produce nitrogen fertilizer. Since 2002, 36 percent of the U.S. fertilizer industry has been shut down or mothballed; and

WHEREAS, rising energy costs are taking a toll on poor families throughout the nation. According to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association, 32 percent of families will have to sacrifice medical care, 24 percent of families will fail to make their rent or mortgage payment, 20 percent of families will be without food for at least a day, and 44 percent of families will skip paying or will pay less than their home energy bill in the past years; and

WHEREAS, in spite of significant progress in energy efficiency, the U.S. will still need 32 percent more energy to support economic growth by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the United States Outer Continental Shelf is conservatively estimated to hold over 466 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable natural gas and 91 billion barrels of technically recoverable oil; and

WHEREAS, those public lands that lie off our Nation's coasts hold enormous potential for energy production, which could significantly help to meet the energy needs of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature requests the President of the United States of America, the Honorable George W. Bush, to revoke administrative withdrawals on offshore energy development on the nation's Outer Continental Shelf in order to provide needed energy resources to the United States in an environmentally responsible manner.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature requests the Congress of the United States of America to make available for energy development, in an environmentally responsible manner, the nation's Outer Continental Shelf.

THAT the appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared and sent to President George W. Bush and to each member of the U.S. Congressional Delegation from Oklahoma.

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