

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1068

By: Duncan

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A Resolution encouraging the President of the United States and Congress to reconsider awarding the port contract to the United Arab Emirates; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, maintaining the national security and safety of America is the primary responsibility of our federal government; and

WHEREAS, the safe and secure operation of America's Ports of Entry is a critical element in maintaining America's national security and safety; and

WHEREAS, the security of America is America's responsibility and the outsourcing of operations at our Ports of Entry is not in America's best interests; and

WHEREAS, the secure operation of the Ports of Entry in Baltimore, Miami, New Jersey, New Orleans, New York and Philadelphia ensures the safety of Americans in those cities as well as the rest of America; and

WHEREAS, the United Arab Emirates, through its state-owned company Dubai Ports World, has contracted to assume operational control of these six American Ports of Entry; and

WHEREAS, the United Arab Emirates is a Muslim country whose operational and financial support for the September 11, 2001, hijackers is documented; and

WHEREAS, the United Arab Emirates does not and will never have the best interests of America as its first priority; and

WHEREAS, Oklahomans are concerned about and oppose our federal government allowing this contractual arrangement to be completed.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives deems that this pending contract is detrimental to the security and safety of America.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby requests the President and Congress to intervene and prevent the United Arab Emirates from assuming operational control of our Ports of Entry in this or any future contractual arrangement.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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