

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 41

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and

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11 A Concurrent Resolution opposing federal cap and  
12 trade proposals and certain United States  
13 Environmental Protection Agency regulations; and  
14 directing distribution.

15 WHEREAS, federal legislative proposals designed to control  
16 pollution by providing economic incentives for achieving reductions  
17 in the emissions of pollutants, otherwise known as cap and trade,  
18 would result in significantly higher production costs for many of  
19 our state businesses, especially Oklahoma's two principal  
20 industries: agriculture and oil and gas; and

21 WHEREAS, the potential benefits of agricultural offsets from cap  
22 and trade proposals are unavailable to many producers, are far  
23 outweighed by the costs and would be harmful to the entire United  
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1 States agricultural system - one of the most productive systems in  
2 the world; and

3 WHEREAS, such cap and trade proposals threaten our nation's  
4 energy security and move our national energy policy away from clean  
5 burning domestically produced natural gas; and

6 WHEREAS, many oil and gas producers oppose cap and trade  
7 legislation because they fear Americans will see only higher energy  
8 prices and job losses as a result, and they continue to stress the  
9 importance of producing clean-burning, domestically produced natural  
10 gas resources as the best way to help reduce pollution; and

11 WHEREAS, the Obama administration's latest economic projections  
12 show that the proposed cap and trade legislation would result in  
13 planting trees on fifty-nine million acres of crop and pasture land  
14 thereby threatening the capability of our nation's agricultural  
15 producers to feed a growing world population and causing a  
16 significant rise in consumer food prices; and

17 WHEREAS, intense public scrutiny has revealed how unsettled the  
18 science is on climate change and the unwillingness of many of the  
19 world's climatologists to share data or even entertain opposing  
20 viewpoints on the subject; and

21 WHEREAS, the recent climate summit in Copenhagen resulted in  
22 demands for the United States to transfer billions of dollars to the  
23 developing world to fight climate change, but produced no meaningful  
24 agreement; and

1       WHEREAS, in addition to their concern over federal cap and trade  
2 legislation, our nation's farmers would be further burdened by the  
3 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposals to selectively  
4 regulate greenhouse gases under the federal Clean Air Act, and on  
5 their behalf, we oppose any attempt to enact such regulation.

6       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
7 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate strongly opposes federal cap and  
10 trade proposals and supports any legislative action that would  
11 suspend the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's authority to  
12 regulate greenhouse gases under the provisions of the federal Clean  
13 Air Act.

14       THAT the members of this body strongly urge the members of the  
15 United States Congress to block further federal involvement in  
16 climate change legislation that would be detrimental to the  
17 agricultural and oil and gas producers of this nation, and on their  
18 behalf, we further send this message to Congress: "Don't Cap Our  
19 Future".

20       THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the members of  
21 the Oklahoma congressional delegation.  
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