

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 1088

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1088 - By: PITTMAN of the House.

A Resolution urging the adoption of a national energy policy that is equitable for states and ethnic and socioeconomic groups; calling for the enactment of climate change legislation by Congress that meets certain criteria; and directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, state and local communities, energy providers, and businesses have a
2 common interest in assuring the availability and reliability of low-cost electric power
3 generation and supply for consumers; and

4 WHEREAS, state and local governments also have a common interest in addressing
5 global climate change and promoting clean energy in a responsible way that achieves the
6 maximum amount of greenhouse gas emission reductions with the least economic harm;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, there is growing support for short and long-term strategies in
9 addressing climate change concerns that support market-based solutions to assure
10 adequate and diverse domestic energy supplies and infrastructure including natural gas
11 production, encourage development of advanced technologies, improve energy efficiency,
12 and meet state and local community business and consumer needs for affordable and
13 reliable energy while ensuring the quality of the environment; and

1 WHEREAS, energy efficiency, renewable resources, natural gas, advanced nuclear
2 and clean coal with carbon capture and storage are all important ways of responsibly
3 managing greenhouse gas emissions while also ensuring adequate, reliable service to
4 consumers; and

5 WHEREAS, research and development are keys to assuring availability of new,
6 breakthrough technologies that will help the United States become less dependent on
7 foreign energy sources and assure energy remains reasonably priced; and

8 WHEREAS, improvements in energy efficiency, consumer education on energy
9 saving and energy efficiency methods and the promotion of “smart” buildings, appliances,
10 grid and electric meters are all critically important to securing energy availability and
11 affordability for all Americans; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States needs a sound, rational domestic energy policy which
13 addresses state and local community needs for energy assistance to low-income
14 households, development of alternative energy sources, continued development of
15 domestic natural gas as an energy source, improvements in energy efficiency,
16 appropriate consideration of the impact of regulatory energy policies, expansion and
17 strengthening of critical energy infrastructure such as electric transmission, the role of
18 other important energy options and incentives for contracting with underutilized
19 businesses.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA
22 LEGISLATURE:

1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the adoption of an national
2 energy policy that is equitable across all regions of the state and to all ethnic and
3 socioeconomic groups by:

4 1. Assigning an adequate number of carbon emission allowances to the electric
5 utility sector with realistic reduction targets to avoid price shocks for consumers; and

6 2. Providing flexibility to states and regulated entities in meeting renewable energy
7 standards and carbon requirements.

8 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives calls on Congress to enact climate
9 change legislation that ensures affordably priced energy, increases energy production of
10 all sources including domestic natural gas production, encourage energy efficiency and
11 provides for investment in advanced technologies.

12 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives calls on Congress to enact climate
13 change legislation that is transparent and provides consumers with a thorough cost
14 analysis of legislative proposals, using up-to-date economic and energy models, so that
15 consumers are aware of the costs and benefits of the proposals.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States
17 and the members of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation.

18 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.