

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 13

By: Bingman, Brinkley, Shortey,  
Brecheen, Allen and David  
of the Senate

4 and

5 Trebilcock of the House

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7 A Concurrent Resolution calling on the United States  
8 Congress to prohibit certain regulatory actions  
9 relating to greenhouse gases and air quality  
10 requirements by the United States Environmental  
11 Protection Agency and requesting certain study; and  
12 directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
14 has proposed or is proposing numerous new regulations, particularly  
15 in the area of air quality and regulation of greenhouse gases, that  
16 are likely to have serious negative effects on the economy, jobs and  
17 U.S. competitiveness in worldwide markets; and

18 WHEREAS, the EPA's regulatory actions specifically relating to  
19 air quality and greenhouse gases have become known as the "train  
20 wreck," because of numerous and overlapping requirements and the  
21 potentially devastating consequences such regulatory actions may  
22 have on the economy; and

23 WHEREAS, concern is growing that, with cap-and-trade legislation  
24 having failed in Congress, the EPA is attempting to obtain the same  
results through the adoption of regulations; and

1       WHEREAS, neither the EPA nor the Administration has undertaken  
2 any comprehensive study of what the cumulative effect of all of this  
3 new regulatory activity will have on the economy, jobs and American  
4 economic competitiveness; and

5       WHEREAS, the EPA has not performed any comprehensive study of  
6 the environmental benefits of its greenhouse regulation in terms of  
7 impacts on global climate; and

8       WHEREAS, state agencies are routinely required to identify the  
9 costs of their regulations and to justify those costs in light of  
10 the benefits; and

11       WHEREAS, since the EPA has identified "taking action on climate  
12 change and improving air quality" as its first strategic goal for  
13 the 2011-15 time period, the EPA should be required to identify the  
14 specific actions it intends to take to achieve these goals and to  
15 assess the total cost of all these actions; and

16       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature supports continuing  
17 improvements in the quality of the nation's air and believes that  
18 that such improvements can be made in a sensible fashion without  
19 damaging the economy so long as there is a full understanding of the  
20 cost of the regulations at issue; and

21       WHEREAS, the primary goal of government at the present time must  
22 be to promote economic recovery and to foster a stable and  
23 predictable business environment that will lead to the creation of  
24 jobs.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
2 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature calls on the United States  
5 Congress to:

6 1. Adopt legislation prohibiting the EPA, by any means  
7 necessary, from regulating greenhouse gas emissions, including  
8 defunding EPA greenhouse gas regulatory activities, if necessary;

9 2. Impose a moratorium on promulgation of any new air quality  
10 regulation by the EPA except to directly address an imminent health  
11 or environmental emergency, for a period of at least two years,  
12 including defunding EPA air quality regulatory activities, if  
13 necessary; and

14 3. Require the Administration to undertake a study identifying  
15 all regulatory activity that the EPA intends to undertake in  
16 furtherance of its goal of "taking action on climate change and  
17 improving air quality" and specifying the cumulative effect of all  
18 of these regulations on the economy, jobs, and American economic  
19 competitiveness. This study should be a multi-agency study drawing  
20 on the expertise of the EPA and of agencies and departments having  
21 expertise in and responsibility for the economy and the national  
22 electric generation system and the study should provide an objective  
23 cost-benefit analysis of all of the EPA's current and planned  
24 regulatory actions.

