

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 39

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the Senate

and

Schwartz of the House

15 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States
16 Environmental Protection Agency to allow states to
17 regulate carbon dioxide emissions from certain
electric generation facilities; and directing
distribution.

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20 WHEREAS, a reliable and affordable energy supply is vital to
21 Oklahoma's economic growth, jobs and the overall interests of its
22 citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, fossil fuels provide affordable and reliable
24 electricity to the citizens of Oklahoma; and

1 WHEREAS, carbon regulations for existing fossil-fueled power
2 plants could threaten the affordability and reliability of
3 Oklahoma's electricity supplies, and therefore, threaten the
4 wellbeing of its citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, on June 25, 2013, the President of the United States
6 directed the Administrator of the United States Environmental
7 Protection Agency (EPA) to issue standards, regulations or
8 guidelines to address carbon dioxide emissions from new, existing,
9 modified and reconstructed fossil-fueled power plants; and

10 WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act requires EPA to establish a
11 "procedure" under which each state shall develop a plan for
12 establishing and implementing standards of performance for existing
13 sources within the state; and

14 WHEREAS, the EPA's existing regulations provide that states may
15 adopt "less stringent emissions standards or longer compliance
16 schedules" than EPA's guidelines based on factors such as
17 "unreasonable cost of control", "physical impossibility of
18 installing necessary control equipment" or other factors that make
19 less stringent standards or longer compliance times "significantly
20 more reasonable"; and

21 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of electricity consumers in
22 this state to continue to benefit from reliable, affordable
23 electricity provided by fossil-based electricity generating plants.
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
2 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT Oklahoma urges the United States Environmental Protection
5 Agency (EPA), in developing guidelines for regulating carbon dioxide
6 emissions from existing power plants, to respect the primacy of
7 Oklahoma and other states and to rely on state regulators to develop
8 performance standards for carbon dioxide emissions that take into
9 account the unique policies, energy needs, resource mix and economic
10 priorities of Oklahoma and other states; and

11 THAT the EPA should issue guidelines and approve state-
12 established performance standards that are based on reductions of
13 carbon dioxide emissions achievable by measures undertaken at
14 fossil-fueled electric generation facilities; and

15 THAT Oklahoma and other states should be given maximum
16 flexibility by EPA to implement carbon dioxide performance standards
17 for fossil-fueled electric generation facilities within their
18 jurisdiction.

19 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the members of
20 the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and Gina McCarthy,
21 Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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1 Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of April, 2014.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2014.

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10 of Representatives