

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1809

A RESOLUTION opposing the United States Environmental Protection Agency's
greenhouse gas regulation by rulemaking.

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency's decision to declare greenhouse gases a toxic pollutant and to further regulate greenhouse gases represents a stark deviation from the normal federal legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Lawmaking that impacts entire sections of the American economy should not be done by administrative fiat, but rather such laws be made by elected members of the United States Congress who can act upon the views of their constituents and be held accountable for their votes by fair and frequent elections; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency, by creating such a unilateral ruling, has circumvented the constitutionally required separation of powers and sets a dangerous precedent for our nation; and

WHEREAS, This ruling has far-reaching negative consequences both nationally, and for the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas produces significant amounts of oil and natural gas as well as numerous agricultural products such as cattle, sheep, hogs, wheat, sorghum, soybeans, cotton and corn, all of which would be subject to strict regulation and would be harmed by increased input costs and other economic strains; and

WHEREAS, During strenuous economic times, ordinary Kansans cannot afford to be hit with onerous regulations on our most crucial economic sectors; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas joins with other states and officials in requesting the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its ruling so that economic impact of such a decision can be considered and so that the normal legislative process can be pursued: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the leaders of the state of Kansas urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its rule that declares greenhouse gases a "toxic pollutant" and further regulates such gases. The leaders of the state of Kansas urge that such lawmaking be done through the normal legislative process so that important economic concerns may be considered.

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Governor of the state of Kansas, Mark Parkinson; the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 7; the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency; the Attorney General of the state of Kansas and the Kansas Congressional delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1809 was sponsored by Committee on Natural Resources.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.