

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0006

Resolution-environmental protection agency regulations.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Bebout, Cooper and Jennings and
Representative(s) Lockhart and Stubson

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to limit air quality
2 regulation by the United States Environmental Protection
3 Agency (EPA).

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5 WHEREAS, the EPA has proposed or is proposing numerous
6 regulations in the area of air quality and regulation of
7 greenhouse gases that are likely to have major effects on
8 the economy, jobs and competitiveness in worldwide markets;
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11 WHEREAS, the EPA's regulatory activity regarding air
12 quality has become known as the "train wreck" because of
13 numerous and overlapping requirements and because of the
14 potentially devastating consequences the regulatory
15 activity may have on the economy; and

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2 WHEREAS, there is concern that after cap and trade
3 legislation failed in Congress the EPA is attempting to
4 obtain the same results through the adoption of
5 regulations; and

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7 WHEREAS, EPA over-regulation is driving jobs and industry
8 out of the United States; and

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10 WHEREAS, neither the EPA nor any other entity in the
11 executive branch has undertaken a comprehensive study to
12 determine the cumulative effect this regulatory activity
13 will have on the economy including jobs and competitiveness
14 in worldwide markets; and

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16 WHEREAS, the EPA has not performed any comprehensive study
17 of what benefits will result from its greenhouse gas
18 regulation in terms of impacts on global climate; and

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20 WHEREAS, state agencies are routinely required to identify
21 the costs of their regulations and justify those costs in
22 light of the benefits of the regulations; and

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1 WHEREAS, the EPA has identified "taking action on climate
2 change and improving air quality" as its first strategic
3 goal for the 2011-2015 time period, therefore the EPA
4 should be required to identify the specific actions it
5 intends to take to achieve its goals and to assess the
6 total costs of its actions; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Wyoming Legislature supports continuing
9 improvements in the quality of the nation's air and
10 believes that those improvements can be made in a sensible
11 fashion without damaging the economy so long as there is a
12 full understanding of the cost of the regulations being
13 implemented; and

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15 WHEREAS, the primary goal of government at the present time
16 must be to promote economic recovery and to foster a stable
17 and predictable business environment which will lead to the
18 creation of jobs; and

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20 WHEREAS, public health and welfare will suffer without
21 significant new job creation and economic improvement
22 because people with good jobs are better able to care for
23 themselves and their families than the unemployed and

1 because environmental improvement is only possible in a
2 society that generates wealth.

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4 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
5 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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7 **Section 1.** That the Wyoming Legislature calls on
8 Congress to adopt legislation prohibiting the EPA from
9 regulating greenhouse gas emissions including, if
10 necessary, defunding EPA greenhouse gas regulatory
11 activities.

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13 **Section 2.** That the Wyoming Legislature urges
14 Congress to impose a moratorium on promulgation of any new
15 air quality regulation by the EPA except to directly
16 address an imminent health or environmental emergency for a
17 period of at least two (2) years.

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19 **Section 3.** That the Wyoming Legislature requests the
20 federal government to undertake a study to identify all
21 regulatory activity that the EPA intends to undertake in
22 furtherance of its goal of "taking action on climate change
23 and improving air quality" and specifying the cumulative
24 effect of those regulations on the economy, jobs and

1 American economic competitiveness. The study should be a
2 multi-agency study drawing on the expertise of the EPA
3 along with agencies and departments having expertise and
4 responsibility in energy and the economy and should provide
5 an objective cost-benefit analysis of the EPA's current and
6 planned regulation related to air quality.

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8 **Section 4.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
9 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
10 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
12 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
13 Delegation.

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15 **Section 5.** That the President of the Senate and the
16 Speaker of the House transmit a copy of this resolution to
17 the Council of State Governments-WEST as the official
18 position of the Wyoming Legislature.

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