

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6011

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Energy to double the current capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve by using storage sites existing and created within the State of Kansas.

WHEREAS, President Bush in his State of the Union speech of January 23, 2007, outlined a number of energy policy initiatives and recommended doubling the current capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) from 691 million barrels of oil to 1.5 billion barrels by the year 2027; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas is not now a part of the SPR and is unlikely to participate in the benefits of the present SPR because of the SPR's present location in the Gulf Coast of the States of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has an active refinery capability which is being supplied by nearby domestic oil production and crude oil storage at Cushing, Oklahoma, and there are current plans to construct a 36-inch heavy crude oil pipeline from Canada, which can participate in serving existing refineries in Kansas, Oklahoma and Northern Texas; and

WHEREAS, The hurricane draw down of crude oil in the SPR increased the nation's vulnerability to economic and national security and foreign policy interruptions. A Reserve emergency occurred after Hurricane Katrina which devastated oil production, terminals, pipelines and refineries; and

WHEREAS, Locating the President's expansion of the SPR in the upper midwestern states, including Kansas with its dependence on domestic production and existing and expanding refinery capacity, leads to the conclusion that the SPR should be expanded into the State of Kansas where its centrally located facilities and supply capabilities can furnish crude oil to existing industry and make an important contribution to the nation's homeland security: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the United States Department of Energy is strongly urged to designate key areas of the State of Kansas as eligible storage sites for petroleum crude oil to enlarge the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and the Governor of the State of Kansas.

House Resolution No. 6011 was sponsored by Committee on Energy and Utilities.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.