

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1805

By Committee on Utilities

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9 A RESOLUTION urging the leaders of the state of Kansas and the
10 United States to address global climate change while safeguarding
11 American jobs and America's global competitiveness.
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13 WHEREAS, The greenhouse gas emissions of developing countries are
14 rising more rapidly than the emissions of the United States and have
15 surpassed the greenhouse gas emissions of the United States and other
16 developed countries;

17 WHEREAS, Kansas's greenhouse gas emissions account for only
18 0.23% of global greenhouse gas emissions; and

19 WHEREAS, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
20 not eliminate American jobs nor diminish the ability of American industry
21 to compete in the global marketplace; and

22 WHEREAS, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
23 reward, not punish, early adopters of energy efficient technologies and
24 practices; and

25 WHEREAS, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
26 adopt an international component to prevent "emissions leakage" and
27 ensure that emissions do not simply migrate to another state or nation;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The only manner to quantify these emissions is through
30 a domestic and international greenhouse gas emissions registry that is
31 uniform, transparent, and verifiable; and

32 WHEREAS, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
33 ensure that the adopted regime does not result in the off-shoring of in-
34 ternational trade sensitive industries; and

35 WHEREAS, Manufacturing accounts for \$15.2 billion of Kansas's gross
36 state product and is the number one contributor to the state's economy.
37 Kansas has already lost 20,700 manufacturing jobs since 1998; and

38 WHEREAS, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
39 ensure the availability of sufficient, affordable energy, including clean en-
40 ergy, before restricting emissions in a manner that could reduce the vol-
41 ume of energy available to consumers; and

42 WHEREAS, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
43 provide credits or allowances to support operations that reduce green-

1 house gas emissions: Now, therefore,

2 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate of
3 the state of Kansas and the United States should combat global climate
4 change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that promotes
5 American jobs, saves American citizens and industries from higher energy
6 prices, rewards early adopters of efficient practices and technologies, pre-
7 vents “emissions leakage” and champions the global competitiveness of
8 American industry; and

9 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to
10 send enrolled copies of this resolution to the governor of the state of
11 Kansas, Mark Parkinson, and the Kansas Congressional delegation.