

House Concurrent Resolution No. 46

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES FUNDERBURK (Sponsor), BIVINS, FISHER (125), ZERR, GUERNSEY, KOENIG, WELLS, RUESTMAN, NOLTE, SCHOELLER, BURLISON, GRISAMORE, SMITH (14), NIEVES, SCHAAF, PRATT, MUNZLINGER, SANDER, STREAM, SMITH (150), DIEHL, PARKINSON, DAY, DIECKHAUS, TRACY, BIERMANN, CASEY, HARRIS, SHIVELY, HODGES, FRAME, SCAVUZZO, SCHIEFFER, FISCHER (107), ENGLUND, KOMO, JONES (89), GATSCHENBERGER AND ALLEN (Co-sponsors).

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Whereas, energy policy and regulation are vital to Missouri's economy and which
2 have a direct impact on Missouri families, farmers, businesses, and employees; and

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Whereas, H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, also
4 known as the "Waxman-Markey" and "Cap and Trade", passed by the United States House of
5 Representatives and now pending before the United States Senate, will have a dramatic effect
6 on every American, increase the cost of supplying homes and businesses with electricity, cause
7 job losses, and impose burdensome costs on the poor and families with incomes of less than
8 \$10,000 annually for whom energy costs today make up 60% of their average family expenses,
9 and for families with incomes of \$10,000 to \$25,000 annually, such costs make up 25% of their
10 average family expenses; and

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Whereas, on December 7, 2009, the Administrator for the Environmental
13 Protection Agency (EPA) signed two distinct findings regarding greenhouse gases under Section
14 202(c) of the federal Clean Air Act:

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(1) Endangerment Finding: the Administrator finds that the current and projected
17 concentrations of the six key well-mixed greenhouse gases - carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane
18 (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur
19 hexafluoride (SF₆) - in the atmosphere threaten the public health and welfare of current and
20 future generations;
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22 (2) Cause and Contribute Finding: the administrator finds that the combined emissions
23 of these well-mixed greenhouse gases from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines
24 contribute to the greenhouse gas pollution which threatens public health and welfare; and

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26 **Whereas**, this finding by the EPA, if implemented, will cost Missouri jobs and
27 raise electric rates on families, farmers, businesses, and employees; and

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29 **Whereas**, the people of Missouri are dependent on coal for their electricity,
30 obtaining approximately 80 - 85% of electrical energy from coal for their homes, farms, and
31 businesses. This heavy dependence on coal is common throughout the Midwestern states; and

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33 **Whereas**, Missouri's electric rates consistently rank among the lowest cost states
34 in the union, and is one of only three states in the United States to see electricity rates drop in the
35 years 2000 to 2008, and by the largest percentage (6%), making Missouri attractive to business
36 and industry, creating jobs, and making Missouri a low-cost place to live; and

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38 **Whereas**, the technology of the 21st Century is providing cleaner yet still
39 affordable baseload electrical generation from coal, including Super Critical Pulverized Coal
40 (Prairie State in Illinois) and Ultra Supercritical Pulverized Coal (Turk in Arkansas) as well as
41 developing options for coal to liquids, coal to gas, and carbon sequestration; and

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43 **Whereas**, the focus in Missouri and throughout the coal-dependent Midwest should
44 be on how to use technology to burn coal more cleanly and move towards cleaner burning
45 options like Ultra Supercritical Pulverized Coal, rather than a punitive system that drives up
46 costs, leads to lower baseload energy production, and inhibits or prevents progress on a fuel that
47 the United States has in abundance within its own borders:

48 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
49 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
50 concurring therein, hereby:

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52 (1) Request that our elected statewide officials express their opposition to the further
53 acceptance or approval of the Environmental Protection Agency formal endangerment finding
54 on greenhouse gases;

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56 (2) Convey that it is not well taken by and harmful to the State of Missouri;

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58 (3) Urge the Environmental Protection Agency to rescind their recent formal
59 endangerment finding on greenhouse gases; and

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61 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly hereby urges our
62 Missouri Congressional delegation to vote against H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy Act
63 of 2009, and further requests that our elected statewide officials express their respective positions
64 on the passage of H.R. 2454 and send a unified message to our Missouri Congressional
65 delegation; and

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67 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
68 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor
69 Jay Nixon, President Barack Obama, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the
70 United States House of Representatives, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
71 Agency, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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