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H. RES. 117

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should develop, promote, and implement policies to reduce emissions of fossil fuel generated carbon dioxide with the goal of achieving stabilization of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States at the 1990 level by the year 2010.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2001

Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. FRANK, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. DELAUR, Mr. OLVER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. FILNER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. HONDA, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. RUSH, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. OWENS, Mr. STARK, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. McGOVERN, Ms. ESHOO, and Mrs. THURMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should develop, promote, and implement policies to reduce emissions of fossil fuel generated carbon dioxide with the goal of achieving stabilization of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States at the 1990 level by the year 2010.

Whereas global climate change appears to be a significant threat to national security, the American economy, and the global environment;

Whereas global average surface temperatures have risen since 1861;

Whereas atmospheric temperatures and global average sea level have risen while snow cover has decreased in the last forty years;

Whereas the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has found that most of the observed warming over the last fifty years is attributable to human activities, including fossil-fuel generated carbon dioxide emissions;

Whereas the United States is the largest producer today of fossil-fuel generated carbon dioxide emissions;

Whereas action by the United States to reduce emissions will promote action by other nations to follow suit;

Whereas the United States Senate has ratified the United Nations Framework on Climate Change which states, in part, the Parties to this Convention are “to implement policies with the aim of returning . . . to their 1990 levels anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases”;

Whereas United States agriculture and forestry sectors have the potential to play a significant role in mitigating global climate change;

Whereas shifting to more efficient technologies and renewable energy sources that will mitigate global warming will create hundreds of thousands of jobs for Americans;

Whereas there is a growing need for American businesses to know their regulatory future and to be able to plan accordingly; and

Whereas reducing air pollution from burning fossil fuels would benefit human health, especially that of children, as well as benefitting ecosystems across the globe: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Congress that
- 2 the United States should develop, promote, and imple-
- 3 ment, at the earliest possible time, policies to reduce do-
- 4 mestic emissions of fossil fuel generated carbon dioxide
- 5 and other greenhouse gases, with the goal of achieving sta-
- 6 bilization of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States
- 7 at the 1990 level by the year 2010.

