

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14—COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH 10, 1999

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges United States Senate to refrain from ratifying Kyoto Protocol to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. (BDR R-1663)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the United States Senate to refrain from ratifying the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

- 1 WHEREAS, America’s farmers, whose livelihood and future security
- 2 depend on stable weather conditions, low energy costs and a healthy
- 3 national economy, share the concerns of other Americans about the
- 4 potential risks of global climate changes resulting from emissions of
- 5 “greenhouse gases” and urge governmental leaders to seek effective,
- 6 affordable ways of addressing climate risks; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The United States has signed the Kyoto Protocol to the
- 8 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which, if
- 9 ratified by the United States Senate, would commit this nation to
- 10 significant reductions of its “greenhouse gas” emissions, 7% below the
- 11 levels in 1990, between the years 2008 and 2012, yet would exempt 130
- 12 developing nations from similar requirements; and
- 13 WHEREAS, In July 1997, the United States Senate adopted Senate
- 14 Resolution 98, which directs the United States not to adopt any agreement
- 15 emerging from the Kyoto, Japan, summit on climate change that would
- 16 impose undue economic burdens on all Americans or that would commit
- 17 this nation to limits on or reductions in “greenhouse gas” emissions
- 18 without also requiring commitments from developing nations; and

1 WHEREAS, The currently available scientific evidence of imminent
2 global climate change is highly uncertain and still being debated by climate
3 scientists; and

4 WHEREAS, Achieving the emission reductions proposed by the Kyoto
5 Protocol would require a substantial reduction in projected carbon
6 emissions in the United States between the years 2008 and 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, Achieving the target contained in the Kyoto Protocol would
8 increase energy and electricity prices, raise gasoline prices, eliminate jobs
9 and significantly cost American households; and

10 WHEREAS, The exemption in the Kyoto Protocol of more than 130
11 developing nations, when combined with the increased costs to farmers of
12 gasoline for agricultural vehicles, electricity for other farming equipment
13 and facilities, pesticides, fertilizer and animal feed, would significantly
14 disadvantage the farmers of this state in international markets; and

15 WHEREAS, Developing nations excused from the requirements of the
16 Kyoto Protocol are expected to increase their production of "greenhouse
17 gases" during the next few decades as their economies grow, thereby
18 offsetting much of the environmental benefits gained from reductions in
19 "greenhouse gases" by developed nations; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
21 JOINTLY, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature
22 hereby urge the President of the United States not to present the Kyoto
23 Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
24 to the United States Senate for ratification; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the President of the United States, the Senate, the
26 House of Representatives, federal agencies, and the Senate, Assembly and
27 agencies of this state are hereby urged not to initiate strategies or authorize
28 money to implement provisions of the Kyoto Protocol unless the Protocol
29 is amended or otherwise revised to be consistent with Senate Resolution
30 98; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges the President of
32 the United States, the Senate, the House of Representatives, federal
33 agencies and the Senate and Assembly of this state to consider alternative
34 and constructive national and international strategies to address climate
35 change that, when applied to all nations, are based on sound science, are
36 compatible with economic growth and opportunity and do not impose
37 undue economic harm to the citizens of the United States and residents of
38 this state, especially American farmers; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a
40 copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice
41 President of

1 the United States as presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional
3 Delegation and the Governor of the State of Nevada; and be it further
4 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and
5 approval.

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