

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11—Committee
on Natural Resources

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Encouraging the use of biomass in the production of energy in Nevada and encouraging certain activities relating to that production.

WHEREAS, “Biomass” is the term used to describe organic matter that is available on a renewable basis, including, but not limited to, agricultural crops and agricultural wastes, wood and wood residues, animal wastes, municipal wastes and various aquatic plants; and

WHEREAS, Unlike petroleum, biomass is a resource that is renewable and is generally readily available at the location where it is used to produce renewable energy, thereby reducing the costs of distributing the biomass; and

WHEREAS, Although the production and use of renewable energy is encouraged in Nevada, and biomass is included in the incentives provided for the production and use of renewable energy, the availability and benefits of using biomass itself should be accentuated and brought to the attention of the members of the general public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to make biomass eligible for production tax credits at the same level and in the same manner as wind and geothermal energy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislature encourages the use of biomass in the production of energy in Nevada and therefore urges all Nevadans to consider investing money in the production of energy from biomass and to participate in the establishment throughout the State of Nevada of projects that demonstrate the effectiveness and desirability of using locally obtained biomass in the production of energy and partnerships between private enterprises and federal, state and local governmental entities to create those projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the Governor of the State of Nevada, the Director of the State Department of Conservation



and Natural Resources and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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