

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8—
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH 20, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges the President of the United States to make additional offshore areas available for energy development. (BDR R-1355)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

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1 WHEREAS, The nation's energy use is growing twice as fast as
2 energy production, and in the last 7 years, natural gas prices have
3 risen 140 percent and oil prices have risen 107 percent, and while
4 energy efficiency is increasing dramatically, the United States will
5 still need at least 32 percent more energy to support economic
6 growth by 2025; and

7 WHEREAS, During 2005, according to the National Energy
8 Assistance Directors' Association, 32 percent of low-income
9 families sacrificed medical care, 24 percent failed to make housing
10 payments, 20 percent went without food for at least 1 day and 44
11 percent reported that they did not pay, or paid just a portion of, their
12 home energy bill, all a result of rising energy costs; and

13 WHEREAS, States, including Nevada with its vast geothermal
14 resources, are cooperating with federal agencies in coordinating
15 energy production on public lands that lie inland, as these lands hold
16 enormous potential for energy production which could significantly
17 help meet the needs of all Americans for affordable energy; and

18 WHEREAS, Conservative estimates provide that within the Outer
19 Continental Shelf, there exists a sufficient amount of natural gas to
20 heat 100 million homes for 60 years and a sufficient amount of oil to



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1 replace current Persian Gulf imports for 59 years, yet the policies of
2 the Federal Government have put over 80 percent of the Shelf off-
3 limits to exploration and production; and

4 WHEREAS, Development of oil and natural gas resources, where
5 not withdrawn from offshore exploration and production, has
6 coexisted for decades with recreational and commercial activities
7 while benefiting the nation, and it is in our best interest to ensure
8 parity of production of these offshore natural resources with the
9 production conducted inland; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
11 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges
12 President George W. Bush to revoke administrative withdrawals that
13 prevent the leasing of certain areas of the nation's Outer Continental
14 Shelf to provide needed energy resources to the United States; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature urges that offshore
17 energy development proceed in an environmentally responsible
18 manner; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
20 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
21 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
22 officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
23 and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

