

**RESOLUTION URGING DEVELOPMENT OF
OFFSHORE ENERGY RESOURCES**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Thomas V. Hatch

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the President of the United States to revoke administrative withdrawals on offshore energy development.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- urges President Bush to revoke administrative withdrawals on offshore energy development on the outer continental shelf of the United States; and
- urges that these energy resources be developed in an environmentally responsible manner.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, energy use by the United States is growing twice as fast as its energy production;

WHEREAS, since 2000, natural gas prices have risen 140% and oil prices have risen 107%;

WHEREAS, rising energy costs are taking a toll on low-income families throughout the



28 nation;

29 WHEREAS, according to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association, during
30 2006, 32% of low-income families will have to sacrifice medical care, 24% will fail to make
31 their rent or mortgage payments, and 20% will be without food for at least one day;

32 WHEREAS, 44% of low-income families reported that they skipped paying or paid less
33 than their entire home energy bill in the past year;

34 WHEREAS, energy efficiency is increasing dramatically, but the United States will still
35 need 32% more energy to support economic growth by 2025;

36 WHEREAS, inland states like Utah are doing more to increase domestic gas
37 production, including allowing pilot projects in winter drilling and off-site mitigation;

38 WHEREAS, Utah is cooperating with federal agencies in coordinating energy
39 production on public lands that lie within state borders in an effort to better meet the energy
40 needs of all Americans; and

41 WHEREAS, those public lands that lie off the nation's coasts also hold enormous
42 potential for energy production, which could significantly help to meet the energy needs of all
43 Americans;

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
45 Governor concurring therein, urge President Bush to revoke administrative withdrawals on
46 offshore energy development on the nation's outer continental shelf to provide needed energy
47 resources to the United States.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge that offshore
49 energy development proceed in an environmentally responsible manner.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of
51 the United States and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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State Impact

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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