

REFERENCE TITLE: energy and land use restrictions

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Introduced by
Representative Griffin

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

OPPOSING FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS LAND USE AND ENERGY PRODUCTION.

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1 Whereas, the United States House of Representatives passed three
2 partisan bills severely limiting land use in this state and attacking
3 American energy; and

4 Whereas, H.R. 1373 and H.R. 2181 permanently ban oil, natural gas,
5 geothermal, coal, uranium and other mineral production on more than 1.32
6 million acres of land in Arizona and New Mexico; and

7 Whereas, the State of Arizona has a tradition of supporting good
8 stewardship of its land, air and water; and

9 Whereas, the preservation of Arizona's economic longevity and the
10 state's role as a leader in fiscal responsibility depends on prudent
11 management of natural resources; and

12 Whereas, the citizens of Arizona recognize the inherent worth of
13 this state's natural resources, as well as their economic value, in
14 contributing to our state's identity and providing for future generations;
15 and

16 Whereas, good stewardship of public property includes making
17 resources available to private parties to advance national competitiveness
18 and security by putting our natural resources toward those ends; and

19 Whereas, withdrawal of this vast amount of land eliminates or
20 restricts reasonable and thoughtful use of these natural resources for
21 economic development, jobs and expansion of the manufacturing base; and

22 Whereas, the House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources
23 voted to permanently remove uranium from the critical minerals list, which
24 exists to reduce our nation's dependence on imports, preserve our
25 leadership in technological innovation, support job creation and improve
26 our national security by streamlining the leasing and permitting process
27 for production of these critical minerals. Removing uranium from the list
28 could drive uranium production entirely out of the United States and
29 increase our reliance on importing this commodity; and

30 Whereas, the economic competitiveness of our state and nation
31 depends on safe, affordable and reliable power; and

32 Whereas, passage of this onerous legislation will reduce revenues
33 for education, roads, hospitals and infrastructure and will hinder job
34 creation, harm local economies, threaten national security and undermine
35 American energy security; and

36 Whereas, these bills put the interests of well-funded environmental
37 extremists above the welfare of the citizens of Arizona and the United
38 States.

39 Therefore

40 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
41 the Senate concurring:

42 1. That the Members of the Legislature condemn recent federal
43 legislation that restricts land use and obstructs American energy
44 production.

1 2. That the Members of the Legislature find this legislation
2 inimical to national security, property rights, energy security and the
3 well-being of Arizona's citizens.

4 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
5 copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States and each
6 Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.