

House Engrossed Senate Bill

~~supporting; hardrock mining~~
(now: border security; border crisis)

State of Arizona
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO SECURE THE SOUTHERN BORDER.

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1 Whereas, the southern border consists of 1,954 miles of varied
2 terrain, including deserts, rugged mountainous areas, forests and coastal
3 areas; and

4 Whereas, officially established in 1924 by an act of Congress in
5 response to increasing illegal immigration, the United States Border
6 Patrol has primary responsibility for securing the border between ports of
7 entry; and

8 Whereas, Border Patrol agents patrol international land borders and
9 waterways to detect and prevent the illegal trafficking of people,
10 narcotics and contraband into the United States; and

11 Whereas, the southern border of the United States is experiencing
12 unprecedented numbers of individuals attempting to enter the country
13 illegally; and

14 Whereas, there has been a major increase in both apprehensions and
15 expulsions on the southwest border with Border Patrol agents making
16 approximately 168,000 arrests at the border in March of 2021, compared
17 with approximately 71,000 in December of 2020; and

18 Whereas, many people are smuggled into the United States, by
19 "coyotes" and criminal syndicates, in abusive, cruel and unsafe
20 conditions, many times under false promises; and

21 Whereas, in January through March of 2021, the Border Patrol
22 encountered more than 19,000 unaccompanied minors; and

23 Whereas, the Border Patrol is holding over 3,000 children in
24 detention, a record high; and

25 Whereas, an uncontrolled border is a security and humanitarian
26 crises, endangering the safety of American citizens with the harmful
27 threat of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) and subjecting unaccompanied minors to
28 poor conditions; and

29 Whereas, the Biden administration has halted construction of a
30 southern border wall, and there are numerous unfinished sections in
31 Arizona; and

32 Whereas, the Biden administration is not working collaboratively nor
33 in good faith with local law enforcement agencies and other state leaders
34 to address issues related to the border; and

35 Whereas, Governor Ducey in April of 2021 declared a state of
36 emergency along Arizona's southern border and is sending Arizona National
37 Guard troops to support local law enforcement there.

38 Therefore

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

41 1. That the Members of the Legislature call on the President and
42 Congress to take immediate and decisive action to secure the southern
43 border and stymie the security and humanitarian crises associated with any
44 further illegal immigration and to as quickly as possible shore up the
45 southern border by completing the southern border wall.

1 2. That the Members of the Legislature support the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives and President of the Senate in creating a joint
3 border security advisory commission to provide a forum where testimony can
4 be taken regarding the international border between Arizona and Mexico,
5 analyze border crossing statistics and related crime statistics, recommend
6 methods to increase border security and address other related issues to
7 this international border.

8 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a
9 copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the
10 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
11 House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of
12 Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MAY 17, 2021.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MAY 24, 2021.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 24, 2021.