

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1604

By Committee on Agriculture

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States President and Congress to approve federal energy legislation that promotes the use of ethanol and biodiesel fuel.

WHEREAS, The United States accounts for nearly 25% of the world's annual energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, The United States imports an ever increasing amount of crude oil, soon to approach 60%, from other nations; and

WHEREAS, The United States' market for liquid transportation fuels of gasoline and diesel is nearly two hundred billion gallons per year; and

WHEREAS, Domestic sources of renewable fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel, made from agricultural feedstocks, can assist in meeting this ever-growing need for fuels in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethanol and biodiesel provide positive environmental benefits when used in conjunction with gasoline and diesel fuels; and

WHEREAS, The economic activity of processing agricultural products into ethanol and biodiesel can provide many positive benefits to the United States' economy during this time of economic stagnation, especially in rural and agriculturally-based communities: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That it expressly encourages the President and the United States Congress to approve federal energy legislation that promotes and expands the use of ethanol and biodiesel in the nation's fuel supply; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.