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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1809

As Amended by Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Brief*

SR 1809 would indicate that the leaders of the State of Kansas urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its rule that declares greenhouse gases a "toxic pollutant" and further regulates these gases. The resolution further indicates that the leaders of Kansas urge that such lawmaking be done through the normal legislative process so that important economic concerns may be considered.

Background

At the hearing on the resolution, those appearing as proponents included Senator Tim Huelskamp and representatives of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, the National Cooperative Refinery Association from McPherson, and the Kansas Cooperative Council, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, and the Kansas Agri-Business Retailers Association.

Written testimony in support of the measure included correspondence from Congressmen Jerry Moran, Lynn Jenkins, and Todd Tiahrt. Other written testimony in support of the resolution was received from the Kansas Chamber of Commerce; the Kansas Farm Bureau; the Kansas Electric Cooperative, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative; the American Agri-women; and the Kansas Cattleman's Association.

^{*}Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.kslegislature.org

The Senate Committee amended the resolution to clarify that lawmaking impacting entire sections of the American economy should be done through the passage of laws. The Committee eliminated language that referred to regulations. In addition, the Committee added the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Region VII Environmental Protection Agency Administrator to the list of persons to be sent a copy of the resolution.

There is no fiscal note on the resolution.