

SESSION OF 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1603**

As Amended by House Committee on Energy,  
Utilities and Telecommunications

**Brief\***

SCR 1603, as amended, states the Kansas Legislature urges President Biden to:

- Reject unscientific environmental mandates that restrict domestic energy production and raise costs for American families;
- Consider current geopolitical tensions and support policies that ensure America's long-term energy affordability, security, leadership, and progress, including actions to increase investment in domestic refineries and natural gas production;
- Expand domestic energy production and ensure energy reliability and affordability for consumers by cutting through the red tape purposefully hampering the building of energy infrastructure, especially pipelines;
- Reevaluate energy policies that have curtailed domestic production of oil and natural gas; and
- Utilize our nation's abundant natural resources and relationships with energy-producing allies as leverage against a Russian regime that is intent on

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disrupting world peace and threatening global stability.

## **Background**

The concurrent resolution was introduced by Senator Fagg and 27 others.

### ***Senate Committee of the Whole***

On February 9, 2023, the concurrent resolution was passed by the Senate Committee of the Whole.

### ***House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications***

In the House Committee hearing on March 16, 2023, Senator Fagg testified as a **proponent**, generally stating that 89 counties in the state of Kansas produce oil and that the oil and gas industry in Kansas provides \$3.6 billion in production output, over 100,000 jobs, and that it is important to stand up for a viable industry in our state.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Americans for Prosperity and Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the concurrent resolution to request that the Secretary of State send enrolled copies of this resolution to Representatives Delperdang, Turner, and Ohaebosim in addition to previously listed Senators Billinger and Fagg and to the President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

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