

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to President Carter's Comprehen-
6 sive National Energy Policy Plan.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS President Carter has divulged details of his proposed Comprehen-
9 sive National Energy Policy Plan; and

10 WHEREAS the implementation of this plan is being touted, in some quar-
11 ters, as a panacea for the energy needs of the United States in the years to
12 come; and

13 WHEREAS these alleged energy needs are to be met by ostensibly concen-
14 trating on the conservation, production, and development of energy resources
15 in an equitable manner; and

16 WHEREAS although the President admitted in his message on energy that
17 the United States must reduce the amount of foreign oil being imported and
18 that domestic oil supplies are diminishing; and

19 WHEREAS his conservation proposals include the imposition of graduated
20 excise taxes on certain automobiles up to the amount of \$1,600 per vehicle as
21 well as a five cent per gallon standby tax on gasoline; and

22 WHEREAS it is proposed that the federal government adopt legislation
23 which would regulate the pricing policies and rate structures for national
24 gas to the greatest extent in our history; and

25 WHEREAS his proposals for increasing the production of energy resources
26 include the magnanimous gesture to the oil industry of calling for new taxes
27 at the wellhead and for allowing the price of oil discovered during the next
28 three years to rise; and

29 WHEREAS the price for all existing oil deposits is to remain stationary;

1 and

2 WHEREAS his conversion policy calls for a tax on the industrial users of
3 oil and gas to force these consumers to convert to the use of coal; and

4 WHEREAS his development program appears limited to the development of
5 solar energy technology coupled with the lack of any incentives for the oil
6 and gas industries to carry on exploration and development of those resources
7 even though the critical need for these latter resources is admitted by the
8 President; and

9 WHEREAS, taking the above proposals at face value, the only conclusion
10 to be reached is that rather than constituting a rational, equitable program
11 for the preservation, development, and production of energy resources, the
12 proposals instead indicate a complete lack of any awareness of what the term
13 "equity" means; and

14 WHEREAS, if the President's proposals are implemented by the Congress of
15 the United States, the end results would be catastrophic for the consumers of
16 America, the energy producers of America and American industry alike; and

17 WHEREAS Alaska and the other oil and gas producing states, in parti-
18 cular, would face ruinous results, including the complete obliteration of
19 their major income sources, the eventual breakdown of their economies, and at
20 some near point in time the devastation of bankruptcy with its attendant
21 social, moral, and political problems;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it violently opposes
23 the President's Comprehensive National Energy Policy Plan as currently out-
24 lined; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States is urgently
26 requested to reconsider and withdraw from the consideration of Congress the
27 various proposals made on April 20, 1977; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is implored to
29 defeat the various nefarious and ill-conceived proposals contained in the

1 President's so-called Comprehensive National Energy Policy Plan.
2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
3 President of the United States; the Honorable John T. O'Leary, Administrator,
4 Federal Energy Administration, the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman,
5 Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George Mahon, Chairman, House
6 Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate
7 Energy and National Resources Committee; the Honorable Harley O. Staggers,
8 Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable
9 Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Science and Transportation Com-
10 mittee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S.
11 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the
12 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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