

# Senate of Alabama



MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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## Resolution

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE NEED  
FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE  
THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF A FAIR AND EFFECTIVE APPROACH  
THAT SAFEGUARDS AMERICAN JOBS, ENSURES AFFORDABLE ENERGY FOR  
CITIZENS, AND MAINTAINS AMERICA'S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

By Senators Orr, Means, Barron, Coleman, and Poole

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the National Academy of Sciences has concluded that the continued buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere adversely impacts the global climate; and

WHEREAS, the greenhouse gas emissions of developing countries are rising more rapidly than the emissions of the United States and have surpassed the greenhouse gas emissions of the United States and other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, Alabama accounts for only 0.35 percent of total global greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not eliminate American jobs and diminish the ability of American industry to compete in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not add to the already high costs of power and gasoline; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must reward, and not punish, early adopters of energy efficient technologies and practice; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must adopt an international component to prevent "emissions leakage" and ensure that emissions do not simply migrate to another state or nation; and

WHEREAS, the only manner to quantify these emissions is through a domestic and international greenhouse gas emissions registry that is uniform, transparent, and verifiable; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gases must ensure that the adopted regime does not result in the off-shoring of international trade sensitive industries; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has already lost 84,800 manufacturing jobs since 1998; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing contributes \$27 billion to the Alabama economy, which is 19 percent of the gross state product; and

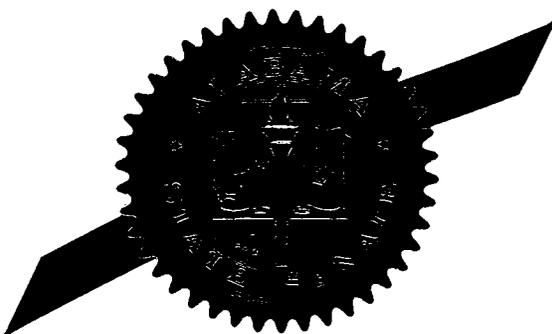
WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must ensure the availability of sufficient, affordable energy, including clean energy, before restricting emissions in a manner that could reduce the volume of energy available to consumers; and

WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emission must provide credits or allowances to support operations, such as recycling, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body expresses support for the need for the United States and the State of Alabama to combat global climate change and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases in a manner structured to:

- (1) Promote American jobs;
- (2) Save American citizens and industry from higher energy prices;
- (3) Reward early adopters of efficient practices and technologies;
- (4) Prevent “emissions leakage”; and
- (5) Champion the global competitiveness of American industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be made available to the Governor and each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.



I hereby certify that the above is a true, correct and accurate copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 109, adopted by the Legislature of Alabama on May 15, 2009. Act No. 2009-804.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "McDowell Lee", is written over a horizontal line.

McDowell Lee  
Secretary of Senate