

**Substitute for
House Concurrent Resolution No. 5030**

By Committee on Environment

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11 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the federal government to
12 lift the moratorium on offshore drilling for oil and natural gas.

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14 WHEREAS, Policies of the federal government have placed much of
15 the coastal Outer Continental Shelf off limits to oil and natural gas pro-
16 duction; and

17 WHEREAS, Development of oil and natural gas resources, where al-
18 lowed off our shores, has coexisted for decades with recreational and
19 commercial activities while benefiting the entire nation; and

20 WHEREAS, Offshore oil and natural gas operations have a long his-
21 tory of environmentally sensitive and safe performance; and

22 WHEREAS, Offshore development of oil and natural gas has provided
23 needed supplies of American energy, generated substantial local, state
24 and federal revenues and created thousands of jobs and economic devel-
25 opment; and

26 WHEREAS, America's increased dependence on foreign energy sup-
27 plies and global competition for oil and natural gas will create a threat to
28 our national security; and

29 WHEREAS, The nation's farming and ranching sector depend on a
30 reliable and affordable supply of energy to run equipment, fertilize crops
31 and transport products to market; and

32 WHEREAS, The Economic Research Service of the United States
33 Department of Agriculture estimates that farmers' fuel expenses for 2005
34 will have exceeded their 2004 fuel expenses by 41 percent, and higher
35 energy prices mean increased costs to farmers and ranchers, who already
36 face tremendous economic challenges; and

37 WHEREAS, The fertilizer industry depends on natural gas, and since
38 2002, 36 percent of the U.S. fertilizer industry has been shut down or
39 mothballed and the industry has been forced to move production to other
40 countries, creating a threat to our food security; and

41 WHEREAS, The Energy Information Administration of the United
42 States Department of Energy projects that the average residential cus-
43 tomer this winter will spend approximately 48 percent more on natural

1 gas than last winter, creating a serious hardship for those who lived on a
2 fixed or limited income, especially senior citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, the Outer Continental Shelf represents one of the
4 brightest spots in terms of potential United States energy resources: Now,
5 therefore,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
7 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the State of Kansas urges the Min-
8 erals Management Service of the United States Department of Interior
9 to include all Outer Continental Shelf planning areas in its proposed five-
10 year plan for 2007 through 2012 and approve the broadest possible plan
11 for offshore development; and

12 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send
13 enrolled copies of this resolution to the United States Secretaries of Com-
14 merce, Interior and Energy, and to the administrators of the Minerals
15 Management Service, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, National
16 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Environmental Pro-
17 tection Agency, and to the President and Congressional leadership, and
18 to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.