

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Clear skies.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Anderson, R. and Lockhart
and Senator(s) Townsend

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Congress
2 to pass the Clear Skies Act of 2003.

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4 WHEREAS, the federal government has introduced legislation,
5 called the Clear Skies Act, to reduce SO₂, NO_x and mercury
6 from coal-fired plants; and

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8 WHEREAS, Wyoming produces over 1/3 of the nation's coal
9 supply which supplies affordable electricity to many areas
10 of the United States; and

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12 WHEREAS, Wyoming has a vested interest in a regulatory
13 program that is fair, predictable and provides certainty;
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1 WHEREAS, electric power providers have significantly
2 reduced air emissions, but additional reductions are needed
3 in parts of the United States to help achieve air quality
4 goals; and

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6 WHEREAS, implementation of the Clean Air Act's multiple,
7 overlapping requirements could be streamlined to facilitate
8 greater, more efficient and more certain emission
9 reductions, that would reduce litigation that often causes
10 significant delays in achieving air quality goals; and

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12 WHEREAS, a new federal emission reduction program could
13 help to resolve regional and national air quality
14 challenges, interstate environmental conflicts and reduce
15 inconsistencies between state programs; and

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17 WHEREAS, the implications of any emission reduction
18 programs on consumer energy prices and electric power
19 reliability must be factored into policy decisions.

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21 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
22 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

1 That Wyoming calls for the United States Congress to pass
2 multi-emission legislation in 2005 that significantly
3 reduces emissions of SO₂, NO_x and mercury from electric
4 power generators and helps the nation toward attainment of
5 federal air quality standards without impacting the Wyoming
6 coal industry; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final multi-emission
9 reduction program should maintain and encourage a diverse
10 fuel supply that will benefit states and local communities,
11 consumers and manufacturers, as well as maintain and
12 promote electric power reliability, availability and
13 affordability, and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that reductions under such a
16 program should be achieved using a market-based approach
17 patterned after the successful Clean Air Act acid rain
18 program; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such a program should
21 streamline Clean Air Act provisions given that SO₂, NO_x and
22 mercury emissions caps will substantially reduce the amount
23 of emissions from electric power facilities; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wyoming urges that the Clear
2 Skies Act set an interim target for mercury reduction based
3 upon the co-benefit of installing technology for SO₂ and
4 NO_x, and that any debate over regulating CO₂ should be held
5 in a separate forum; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the legislation provide fair
8 allocations of SO₂, NO_x and mercury to sources in Wyoming;
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11 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of
12 Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President
13 of the United States, to the President of the Senate and
14 the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
15 States Congress, to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation
16 and the Governor of Wyoming and other local officials, as
17 is appropriate.

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