

First rough (very rough!) Draft.

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the need for evaluation and control of the long term accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Whereas there is a growing concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

whereas this increase in carbon dioxide could cause potentially drastic climatic change including, (1) global warming of the lower atmosphere, (2) altered precipitation patterns, (3) reduced and altered atmospheric and oceanic currents, (4)
; and

Whereas these climatic changes could disrupt the distribution, composition, productivity and stability of natural ecosystems as well as man-made ones such as agriculture, and could flood all low-lying coastal regions; and

whereas direct ^{evidence} ~~proof~~ of this climate change may not be available until too late to reverse the process: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States should immediately aid the efforts (1) to monitor the accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, (2) to evaluate the consequences of this accumulation with the intention of setting maximum allowable limits and establish policy options, and (3) to establish international agreements on the basis of this

aid? more specific

evaluation for cooperation in the control of this long term problem. Further, all possible steps should be taken to minimize the accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere including; (1) use of low carbon dioxide ^{producing} fossil fuels, (2) increased incentives to spur energy efficiency and where necessary mandatory standards to ensure energy efficiency, (3) increased incentives to enable the maximum possible use of non net carbon dioxide producing energy systems including solar, wind, water, fission, geothermal, tidal, biomass, etc. and (4) reforestation wherever possible.

Presidential Commission