ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1035
By: Thompson, Martin (Steve),
Moore, Reynolds, Liebmann,
McDaniel (Randy), Sanders,
Duncan, Tibbs and Kern of
the House
and
Bingman of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution opposing the implementation
of a cap-and-trade system on greenhouse gas
emissions; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, cap-and-trade or emission trading is an administrative
approach used to control pollution by providing economic incentives
for achieving reduction in the emissions of pollutants; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed implementing an economy-
wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by
eighty percent (80%) by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2009, Congressmen Henry A. Waxman and
Edward J. Markey released a draft of the American Clean Energy and
Security Act of 2009 which includes language implementing a cap-and-
trade system; and
WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade plans being proposed would impose controls on emissions of greenhouse gases by entities that emit the gases, including the power industry and manufacturing industry, which would mean that the additional costs would likely be passed on to the consumer of the energy product being produced; and

WHEREAS, implementing a national cap-and-trade system will in effect impose an additional tax on every sector of the economy that directly emits a capped emission, including the industrial sector, electricity generation sector, transportation sector, and residential and commercial sectors; and

WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade proposals not only burden every American with a huge new energy tax, but will inevitably lead to the loss of jobs due to the forced carbon mandates on every sector of the economy; and

WHEREAS, proposed amendments to the Clean Air Act included in the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 would authorize a person to sue who has suffered or expects to suffer harm attributable to a failure to cap emissions which could lead to an explosion of climate-related litigation that may cause many energy producers not to be able to stay in business; and

WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade proposals create a host of new federal mandates leading to excessive regulation and more government intrusion into every industry that emits greenhouse gases.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature opposes the implementation of a
cap-and-trade system on greenhouse gas emissions as proposed by the
President of the United States and as proposed in the draft of the
American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, and urges Congress
not to enact this or similar legislation that may be proposed in the
future.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President
of the United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States
Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 12th day of May,
2009.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ___ day of ____________, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate