HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1070

By: Enns

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the harmful and destructive implications of the President’s Climate Action Plan; opposing the regulation of methane gas in livestock or other species; opposing overreaching regulation of agriculture operations; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has announced his Climate Action Plan to help prepare the United States for the climate changes that the administration states are impacting the United States; and

WHEREAS, the President’s Climate Action Plan is a plan of environmental extremism that will negatively impact the economy of Oklahoma and specifically agriculture in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the President’s Climate Action Plan is being imposed on local communities in the United States through policies of the United States Environmental Protection Agency such as the “Biogas Roadmap” which provides strategies to accelerate adoption of methane
digester and other technologies to reduce dairy-sector greenhouse
gas emissions in the United States by twenty-five percent (25%) by
the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the President’s Climate Action Plan strives to reduce
enteric fermentation, a digestive process that leads to cow methane
emissions; and

WHEREAS, agriculture accounts for only eight percent (8%) of all
greenhouse gas emissions and limiting the enteric fermentation of
dairy cattle is unreasonable and detrimental to dairy producers and
the economy in Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the
harmful implications of implementing the President’s Climate Action
Plan and the destructive strategies in the Plan for reducing methane
emissions on farms and as such desires the rejection of the Plan’s
radical policy in Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives opposes the
regulation of methane gas in livestock or any other species and
opposes the ability of the federal government to enforce
overreaching regulations that incrementally aid in inhibiting the
ability of agriculture in Oklahoma to operate, increase production
costs and negatively affect production.
THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of
the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the United
States House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of
the United States Senate.

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