

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

ENERGY: Urges and requests the president of the United States to consider the current geopolitical tensions and support policies and take measures to ensure America's long-term energy affordability, security, leadership, and progress

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the president of the United States to consider the current geopolitical  
3 tensions and support policies and take measures to ensure America's long-term  
4 energy affordability, security, leadership, and progress, including actions that result  
5 in the continued operation of existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the construction  
6 of new oil and gas pipelines, and an end to restrictions on developing our nation's  
7 onshore and offshore oil and natural gas resources.

8 WHEREAS, oil and natural gas are vital components of our nation's economy,  
9 providing more than eleven million jobs nationwide, including approximately three hundred  
10 and forty-five thousand total jobs and approximately twenty-five billion dollars in gross  
11 domestic income in Louisiana alone; and

12 WHEREAS, United States energy abundance has provided security that has  
13 historically led to reliable, affordable energy for American consumers and our allies; and

14 WHEREAS, the world is looking to America for energy leadership and stability as  
15 current geopolitical events pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already  
16 affects households, both in the United States and across Europe; and

17 WHEREAS, operation and expansion of a key component of America's energy  
18 success, our oil and natural gas pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of  
19 transporting those commodities, are being blocked by the federal government and many state  
20 governments; and

1           WHEREAS, the Biden Administration continues to increase costs and delay efforts  
2 to develop oil and natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the  
3 program provides billions in revenue to federal, state, and local governments and supports  
4 conservation programs throughout the country; and

5           WHEREAS, domestic offshore production is one of the lowest carbon intensive  
6 energy-producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and development will  
7 shift production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of environmental  
8 progress.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 strongly urge and request the President of the United States to take measures and support  
11 policies that ensure long-term American energy affordability, security, leadership, and  
12 progress, including actions that result in the continued operation of existing oil and natural  
13 gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas pipelines, the resumption of consistent,  
14 credible federal lease sales, and the immediate preparation of a new five-year program to  
15 guide future offshore leasing.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
17 president of the United States, the United States secretary of the interior, the United States  
18 secretary of transportation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Louisiana  
19 congressional delegation, and the news media of Louisiana.

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