

STATE OF WYOMING BUDGET SESSION 1984

ORIGINAL HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

**A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to acid rain control; recommending an equitable, cost-effective acid rain control program which allocates the costs of control to those responsible for the problem; calling for recognition of past emission reduction efforts; and encouraging research to resolve the problem effectively and inexpensively.**

WHEREAS, recent scientific studies suggest a direct relationship between man-made sulphur dioxide air emissions and acid rain, and these studies have been limited to the Midwest and Northeast regions of the country; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering H.R. 3400 which mandates the high-cost control method to the exclusion of other, less costly strategies and proposes to spread the costs of these controls nationwide through a tax on consumers of all nonnuclear electricity; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would force western electricity rate payers, who in many cases are already paying for technological emission controls based upon standards developed for eastern coal; and

WHEREAS, under this legislation, electricity consumers in the west would pay disproportionately more into the acid rain control program than will consumers in the midwest and the east; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable, cost-effective acid rain control program should be designed to protect both the consumer and producer; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming fully supports the goal of improved air quality without severe restrictions on economic growth;

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

**Section 1.** That the legislature supports and recommends consideration of an acid rain control program which:

(a) Achieves early, but cost-effective emission reductions at the most obvious sources without mandating specific technological controls, and encourages continued research and development of the most cost-effective long-term solutions to the acid rain problem; and

(b) Allocates the cost of the solution to those primarily responsible for the problem. Legislation should credit rather than penalize states, utilities and their consumers which have already reduced emissions.

**Section 2.** That the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to: the President of the United States; the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress; each member of Wyoming's congressional delegation; and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Approved March 16, 1984.