

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.114

Senator Zorn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the adoption of policies that will lead
2 to energy independence in the United States.

3 Whereas, The United States has been dependent on foreign
4 sources of energy for decades. While the United States has enjoyed
5 a higher degree of energy independence in the last decade due to an
6 increase in domestic oil production, we still import tens of
7 millions of barrels of crude oil from overseas each month; and

8 Whereas, The energy independence of the United States is
9 critical to national security. Reliance on foreign oil has impacted
10 the United States' ability to intervene in conflicts around the
11 world, including Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Reliance on foreign
12 sources of energy creates a potential risk that those sources
13 could be jeopardized by United States' actions abroad, which could

1 limit our ability to project American values; and

2 Whereas, Energy independence is important for a thriving
3 economy. Ensuring that the United States' economy is able to
4 support itself without relying on supply chains that span the globe
5 and without risk of foreign political disruptions is critical to
6 job growth and competition in the United States; and

7 Whereas, The United States must focus on policies that
8 increase the production and use of our domestic energy resources,
9 such as ensuring the continued safe operation of the Line 5
10 pipeline in Michigan, increasing domestic oil and gas drilling,
11 increasing investments in renewable energy, and abandoning policies
12 that limit domestic energy production and raise the capital costs
13 associated with fossil fuel development; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the adoption of policies
15 that will lead to energy independence in the United States; and be
16 it further

17 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
18 Governor, the commissioners of the Michigan Public Service
19 Commission, the commissioners of the Federal Energy Regulatory
20 Commission, the Secretary of the United States Department of
21 Energy, the Secretary of the United States Department of the
22 Interior, the President of the United States, the President of the
23 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
24 Representatives, and the entire Michigan congressional delegation.