

1 **State of Arkansas**
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4 **By: Senator Moore**

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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 URGING THE MEMBERS OF ARKANSAS' CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
9 TO SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION ALLOWING ENVIRONMENTALLY
10 SOUND EXPLORATION OF THE RESOURCES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL
11 WILDLIFE REFUGE COASTAL PLAIN AND THAT THE MEMBERS ALSO
12 REJECT PROPOSALS FOR MORATORIA OR PERMANENT BANS ON OIL
13 AND NATURAL GAS LEASING.
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15 WHEREAS, hostilities in the Persian Gulf have again shown the United
16 States' vulnerability to overdependence on foreign sources of oil; and

17 WHEREAS, Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge includes more than
18 nineteen (19) million acres of land, amounting to approximately five percent
19 (5%) of the entire state landmass; and

20 WHEREAS, the Coastal Plain is approximately eight percent (8%) of the
21 Refuge; and

22 WHEREAS, the Department of Interior has released preliminary data that
23 shows a forty-six percent (46%) probability of finding economically
24 recoverable oil; and

25 WHEREAS, less than one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) of the total
26 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge area would be affected should development
27 occur; and

28 WHEREAS, development of the Alaskan North Slope oil fields has clearly
29 demonstrated that petroleum exploration, production, and development are
30 compatible with the Alaskan Arctic environment and wildlife; and

31 WHEREAS, national energy security depends on the development of domestic
32 oil and gas resources, conservation and greater use of alternate fuels; and

33 WHEREAS, the nation stands to derive revenues including portions of
34 bonuses, royalties and rents from oil and gas development; and

35 WHEREAS, the petroleum industry has consistently demonstrated its

1 ability to operate in conditions similar to those found on the Coastal Plain
2 in a safe, responsible manner without significant adverse environmental
3 impacts;

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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
7 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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9 THAT upon motion of the Joint Committee on Energy, the members of the
10 Seventy-Eighth General Assembly strongly urge the members of Arkansas'
11 Congressional Delegation to support environmentally sound exploration of the
12 resources of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain to provide for
13 future U.S. energy needs and to reduce the dangerous overdependence on foreign
14 sources of oil.

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