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By: Senator Moore

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT A PROCESS OF
ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE DEVELOPMENT AND
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS THROUGH TAX INCENTIVES, GRANTS, OR
OTHER SIMILAR MEANS.

WHEREAS, the current clean air debate and the President's Clean Air proposal have focused on various aspects of the air pollution problem; and

WHEREAS, among the considerations are possible mandates as to specific fuels and vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas believes that the use of alternative motor vehicle fuels such as propane, compressed natural gas, methanol, ethanol, and reformulated gasoline has potential to help reduce pollution in our nation's cities; and

WHEREAS, the selection of a specific fuel or vehicle for widespread use now, could unnecessarily foreclose other approaches with the potential to satisfy air quality goals at less cost and inconvenience to motorists; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly believes the federal government's role should be to set reasonable emission performance standards and allow the private sector flexibility to develop vehicles and fuels which will meet these standards at an acceptable cost and with satisfactory vehicle performance; and

WHEREAS, testing of all alternative fuels and vehicles, showing the advantages and disadvantages, would provide a better basis for making a sound decision that would best serve the environment and the consumer;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas urges the federal government to support a process of encouraging alternative fuel vehicle development and demonstration programs through tax incentives, grants, or other similar means, while at the same time encouraging efforts to improve emission controls on vehicles using gasoline and diesel fuel, through advanced engine design, improved emission control systems and fuel properties which enhance emission control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas opposes the mandating of any motor vehicle fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution a copy hereof be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to each member of the Arkansas Congressional delegation.