

Senate Joint Memorial 6

Sponsored by Senator GORDLY (at the request of Sean Cruz)

SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to pass legislation requiring declaration of National Energy Emergency prior to deployment of National Guard troops in foreign war.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress as-
3 sembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in leg-
5 islative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the United States has recently developed a policy of extensively using the National
7 Guard to fight foreign wars; and

8 Whereas this policy has burdened a small number of American citizens who are members of the
9 National Guard and their families with extraordinary, open-ended sacrifice, while the vast majority
10 of American citizens make no sacrifice whatsoever; and

11 Whereas this policy is unfair and morally repugnant to the ideals under which this nation was
12 founded; and

13 Whereas the cost of energy is integral to the cost of war, and the nation's dependency on for-
14 eign sources of energy is a continuing, contributing cause to the onset and prosecution of foreign
15 wars; and

16 Whereas should this nation go to war in a foreign land, it should do so with a policy of shared
17 sacrifice and a policy of energy conservation designed to reduce dependency on foreign sources of
18 energy; and

19 Whereas this nation has often failed to provide adequately for the postwar needs of its veterans
20 and their families, contributing greatly to the insecurity and suffering of those deployed to the cur-
21 rent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

22 Whereas a National Energy Emergency imposing a surtax on foreign sources of energy, wherein
23 said revenues would fund the long-term medical, housing, educational and employment needs of
24 members of the National Guard and their families who are subject to deployment orders, would re-
25 duce the insecurity and suffering of said members and their families; and

26 Whereas a National Energy Emergency imposing a surtax on foreign sources of energy, wherein
27 said revenues would fund the long-term medical, housing, educational and employment needs of
28 members of the National Guard and their families who are subject to deployment orders, while the
29 nation is in the crisis of a foreign war, would reduce the nation's consumption of and dependency
30 on foreign sources of energy and thus would contribute positively to the nation's war effort; and

31 Whereas the disruption to the normal lives of National Guard members and their families by the

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1 extraordinary, open-ended sacrifice demanded of them by the President's policies requires an ex-
2 traordinary commitment in kind by the nation; now, therefore,

3 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

4 That we, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, on behalf of the citizens of Oregon, respect-
5 fully urge the Congress of the United States to immediately enact legislation declaring a National
6 Energy Emergency, recognizing that many members of the National Guard are already deployed in
7 a foreign war; and be it further

8 Resolved, That no future deployments of National Guard members to a foreign war should occur
9 without the threshold step of the declaration of a National Energy Emergency and the imposition
10 of a national energy surtax; and be it further

11 Resolved, That the long-term medical needs of National Guard members and their families will
12 be met regardless of the physical, mental or emotional nature of their conditions; and be it further

13 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Senate Majority Leader, to the
14 Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Con-
15 gressional Delegation.

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