

No. R-226. Joint resolution challenging all Vermonters to institute a 20-percent reduction in energy use.

(J.R.H.11)

Offered by: Representatives Geier of South Burlington, Clark of Vergennes, Donovan of Burlington, Mook of Bennington, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, energy costs in Vermont are continuing to rise dramatically, and

Whereas, not only are energy costs rising, but the burning of fossil fuels increases the emission of greenhouse gases that contribute to increasing global warming, and

Whereas, Vermont will continue to use fossil fuels as an energy source, although switching to renewable energy sources will reduce the problems that fossil fuels cause, and

Whereas, a concerted voluntary effort on the part of all individuals and institutions in this state to reduce energy use would serve as a major step forward to achieving a 20-percent electric power reduction in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly challenges all individual Vermonters, schools, colleges, nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses, hospitals, farms, and all levels of government to work to institute a voluntary 20-percent reduction in energy use by initiating a concerted effort to turn off lights whenever walking out of a room that will be empty, to reduce use of heating and cooling

systems, and to promote the use of Energy Star products and other energy efficiency measures, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Efficiency Vermont.