

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred
3 S.R.7 “Senate Resolution relating to climate change” respectfully reports that it
4 has considered the same and recommends that the resolution be amended by
5 striking out all after the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 *Whereas*, according to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on
7 Climate Change, the “warming in the climate system is unequivocal,” and
8 “human influence on the climate system is clear,” and

9 *Whereas*, heat-trapping particles in the atmosphere, also known as
10 greenhouse gases, absorb heat and cause temperatures in the atmosphere to
11 increase, and, according to the World Resources Institute, the combustion of
12 fossil fuels (for uses including transportation, electricity, heat, industrial
13 processes, cement production, oil refining, and more) accounts for 77 percent
14 of the global greenhouse gas emissions by humans globally, and

15 *Whereas*, 10 V.S.A. § 578 explicitly sets forth the goal of the State of
16 Vermont to reduce greenhouse gas pollution as follows:

17 It is the goal of the State to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases from
18 within the geographic boundaries of the State and those emissions outside the
19 boundaries of the State that are caused by the use of energy in Vermont in
20 order to make an appropriate contribution to achieving the regional goals of
21 reducing emissions of greenhouse gases from the 1990 baseline by:

1 ***Resolved by the Senate:***

2 That the Senate of the State of Vermont recognizes that climate change is a
3 real and present danger to health and well-being of all Vermonters, that human
4 activities make a substantive contribution to climate change, and that it is
5 imperative Vermont fulfill its stewardship responsibilities, as expressed in the
6 State’s statutory goals for reduced greenhouse gas emissions, by taking steps
7 now to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels, *and be it further*

8 ***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of
9 this resolution to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

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14 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE