

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 524

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding global climate change.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2014

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding global climate change.

Whereas the 2014 National Climate Assessment stated “The most recent decade was the nation’s warmest on record. U.S. temperatures are expected to continue to rise.”;

Whereas the 2014 National Climate Assessment was drafted by over 300 authors and extensively reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences and a Federal Advisory Committee of 60 members;

Whereas the United States Global Change Research Program found that “[i]n the United States, climate change has

already resulted in more frequent heat waves, extreme precipitation, wildfires, and water scarcity”;

Whereas the United States Global Change Research Program coordinates and integrates global change research across 13 Government agencies including the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the Department of Energy, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Agency for International Development;

Whereas the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review of the Department of Defense of the United States stated “The pressures caused by climate change will influence resource competition while placing additional burdens on economies, societies, and governance institutions around the world.”; and

Whereas a Defense Science Board report concluded that “[c]limate change will only grow in concern for the United States and its security interests”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that glob-
- 2 al climate change is occurring and will continue to pose
- 3 ongoing risks and challenges to the people and the Govern-
- 4 ment of the United States.

○