Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 42

By: Jolley of the Senate

and

Cockroft of the House

A Concurrent Resolution urging rejection of certain recommendations for national gas vehicle fuel standards; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution reserves to the states the right to regulate commerce and the weights and measures system within their borders; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Weights and Measures, established in 1905 to resolve the lack of uniform weights and measures standards throughout the country, has evolved into a not-for-profit corporation that ensures national standards keep pace with evolving technology and marketing practices; and

WHEREAS, natural gas vehicles and infrastructure continues to develop in this state, and more largely, the United States; and

WHEREAS, natural gas is the cleanest burning alternative transportation fuel commercially available today; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of natural gas as a motor fuel has seen a massive increase over the past five years due to stable and affordable pricing; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the National Conference on Weights and Measures established the gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) as the official unit of sale for compressed natural gas (CNG); and

WHEREAS, the GGE is a consumer-friendly unit of measurement because it represents an amount of CNG which has the same energy content as a gallon of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, the GGE standard puts natural gas in a unit which is familiar to consumers and allows consumers to evaluate the cost between natural gas and traditional motor fuels; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, an increasing number of long-haul trucking companies have begun converting their fuel source to liquefied natural gas (LNG); and

WHEREAS, by the end of 2014, there is expected to be a nationwide network of LNG refueling stations; and

WHEREAS, because LNG only displaces diesel as a motor fuel, it is sold on a diesel gallon equivalent (DGE); and

WHEREAS, the Natural Gas Vehicle Steering Committee, under the National Conference of Weights and Measures, recommended the adoption of gallon equivalent standards; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Weights and Measures continues to consider standards which would force consumers to buy natural gas as a motor fuel under the metric system using the kilogram unit of measurement; and

WHEREAS, the promulgation of such standards by the National Conference of Weights and Measures would create inequitable treatment among different motor fuels which will lead to consumer confusion; and

WHEREAS, such standards, if adopted, would create significant costs to natural gas fueling stations to replace existing natural gas fuel dispensers at a cost of approximately $70,000.00 each; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology publishes the standards adopted by the National Conference of Weights and Measures; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Weights and Measures is scheduled to vote on natural gas motor fuel standards at their annual meeting in July of 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature objects to any standards proffered by the National Conference of Weights and Measures which require natural gas motor fuels to be sold in units other than diesel and gasoline gallon equivalents.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges any state official involved with the National Conference of Weights and Measures and acting in an official capacity on behalf of the State of Oklahoma to strongly reject any proposal proffered by the National Conference of Weights and Measures which would require natural gas motor fuel to be sold in units other than diesel and gasoline gallon equivalent.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the members of the Corporation Commission, and to the Executive Director of the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of May, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 8th day of May, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 12th day of May, 20 14, at 2:56 o'clock P. M.

By: Chris Bunge