

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Senators Bumstead, Theis, Nesbitt, Lauwers and Zorn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to oppose the suspension of all oil and gas
2 leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

3 Whereas, The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska
4 is believed to contain up to 11 billion barrels of oil. In 2017,
5 Congress approved legislation to open the federal lands on ANWR to
6 energy development. The law established an oil and gas program and
7 required at least two area-wide lease sales in the ANWR's Coastal
8 Plain by the end of 2024; and

9 Whereas, The development of the ANWR's oil and gas resources
10 will further American energy independence and security. The Energy
11 Information Administration estimates that crude oil imports will
12 decline by one barrel for every barrel of ANWR oil production; and

1 Whereas, The federal government will benefit from new revenue
2 generated from lease sales, royalties, and taxes for the life of
3 the ANWR field production. Some estimates show new revenue could be
4 as much as \$296 billion; and

5 Whereas, Energy production in the ANWR's Coastal Region will
6 be good for the local economy, generating approximately 55,000 to
7 130,000 jobs. The development has support from the only village
8 inside the ANWR's boundary; and

9 Whereas, On June 1, 2021, President Biden announced the
10 suspension of oil and gas leases in the ANWR, threatening American
11 energy independence, federal revenue, and good-paying jobs; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That we oppose the suspension of all
14 oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and be
15 it further

16 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
17 President Biden and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the
18 Interior.