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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Jones) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 6 - 34 and insert:

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WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has begun implementation of rulemaking that describes a nationwide plan to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to regulate greenhouse gases is very expansive in scope, envisioning a nationwide cap and trade program for greenhouse gases, additional motor vehicle regulations, and economy-wide restrictions impacting a wide range of industries, including

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dairy and beef operations, office buildings, hospitals, schools, large homes, and houses of worship, and even regulating the greenhouse gas emissions from lawnmowers, and

WHEREAS, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has ruled that the Environmental Protection Agency does not have authority to carry out a cap and trade plan under the Clean Air Act, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's plan represents policymaking that is the prerogative of the legislative branch and that exceeds its administrative authority to execute the laws enacted by Congress, and

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