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H. RES. 463

Expressing the disapproval of the House of Representatives regarding Presidential circumvention of the legislative authority of the Congress to set public policy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. PAUL, and Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas article I, section 1 of the Constitution specifies that “All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States”;

Whereas a “republic” is defined as “a government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives responsible to them and governing according to law”;

Whereas individual Americans consistently express their opinions to Members of Congress;

Whereas Members of Congress are duly elected and serve to uphold the Constitution and represent the views of their constituents; and

Whereas the administration has encouraged litigation against law-abiding private companies in order to force the adoption of certain policy initiatives: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the President and appointed members
3 and staff of the executive branch should not use litigation
4 in a coercive manner in order to circumvent the legislative
5 function of the Congress.

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