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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda.

Whereas the United States needs its leaders to pursue policies in the interest of the United States that are foremost national priorities;

Whereas the United States faces many fiscal and long-term policy challenges that not only threaten the opportunities, hopes, and aspirations of the citizens of the United States, but the overall ability of the United States to be a world leader in bringing peace and stability around the world;

Whereas the United States needs its leaders to unite behind common goals and concrete solutions to create the next generation of growth and opportunity;

Whereas a National Strategic Agenda can provide both a long-term vision and a priority list, oriented around common goals for the United States, both of which, as of May 2015, do not exist in the Federal Government;

Whereas adopting a National Strategic Agenda would bring a long-term vision to a policymaking process that has become too often dominated by short-term political considerations;

Whereas a National Strategic Agenda can provide a consistent framework and focus the attention of the Federal Government on the most urgent problems facing the United States;

Whereas millions of people in the United States are currently seeking employment opportunities to improve their lives and provide a better future for their children;

Whereas, as of May 2015, the Federal debt is higher as a percentage of gross domestic product than at any time since World War II and will be an unsustainable burden on future generations if left unaddressed;

Whereas the Social Security and Medicare benefits that millions of people in the United States have earned must be preserved and protected;

Whereas a fiscally responsible solution to secure Social Security and Medicare for future generations is needed now, as waiting longer will further jeopardize the ability to preserve and protect these programs;

Whereas the United States can become energy secure by pursuing an all-of-the-above energy plan that develops more affordable and sustainable domestic energy sources, increases energy efficiency, and builds a more reliable and

resilient system for energy generation and transmission;
and

Whereas the creation and implementation of a new National Strategic Agenda for the United States will require the participation of both the legislative and executive branch along with agreement by all parties to work together: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the 4 goals of the National Strategic Agen-
3 da are to—

4 (A) create 25,000,000 new jobs over the
5 next 10 years;

6 (B) balance the Federal budget by 2030;

7 (C) secure Medicare and Social Security
8 for the next 75 years; and

9 (D) make the United States energy secure
10 by 2024;

11 (2) the Senate should strive to create, debate,
12 and adopt policy solutions to achieve the 4 goals of
13 the National Strategic Agenda to address the na-
14 tional interest and priorities represented by the
15 agenda; and

16 (3) in achieving success toward the National
17 Strategic Agenda, the goal of the Senate should be
18 to reach solutions through—

19 (A) collaboration, not division;

1 (B) mutual respect, not partisan bickering;
2 and

3 (C) a commitment to honor the public duty
4 of the Senate to the United States as a body of
5 representatives elected by people across the
6 United States.

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