

Murkowski	Rounds	Thune
Paul	Schmitt	Tillis
Peters	Scott (FL)	Tuberville
Reed	Shaheen	Warner
Ricketts	Sheehy	Warnock
Risch	Slotkin	Whitehouse
Rosen	Sullivan	Young

## NAYS—22

Blumenthal	Markey	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Merkley	Schumer
Booker	Murphy	Smith
Cantwell	Murray	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Ossoff	Warren
Hirono	Padilla	Wyden
Kim	Sanders	
Luján	Schatz	

## NOT VOTING—6

Bennet	McConnell	Welch
Gallego	Scott (SC)	Wicker

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Marcus Molinaro, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

## VOTE ON MOLINARO NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Molinaro nomination?

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 71, nays 23, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 499 Ex.]

## YEAS—71

Alsbrooks	Cruz	Kelly
Baldwin	Curtis	Kennedy
Banks	Daines	Kim
Barrasso	Durbin	King
Blackburn	Ernst	Klobuchar
Boozman	Fetterman	Lankford
Britt	Fischer	Lee
Budd	Graham	Lummis
Cantwell	Grassley	Marshall
Capito	Hagerty	McCormick
Cassidy	Hassan	Moody
Collins	Hawley	Moran
Coons	Hirono	Moreno
Cornyn	Hoeven	Mullin
Cortez Masto	Husted	Murkowski
Cotton	Hyde-Smith	Paul
Cramer	Johnson	Peters
Crapo	Justice	Reed

Ricketts	Scott (FL)	Tillis
Risch	Shaheen	Tuberville
Rosen	Sheehy	Warner
Rounds	Slotkin	Warnock
Schatz	Sullivan	Young
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Duckworth	Murphy	Van Hollen
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Heinrich	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hickenlooper	Padilla	Wyden
Kaine	Sanders	

## NOT VOTING—6

Bennet	McConnell	Welch
Gallego	Scott (SC)	Wicker

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I was absent on Saturday, August 2, 2025, for rollcall vote no. 485. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 186, Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1546. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) reports relative to nominations, vacancies, designation of service in acting roles, discontinuation of service in an acting role and an action on nomination for positions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1547. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grazing Advisory Boards" (RIN0596-AD67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1548. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals

that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1549. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the advancement by countries of concern in sensitive technologies and products critical to the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of such countries that was declared in Executive Order 14105 of August 9, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1550. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conversion of Ski Area Authorizations" (RIN0596-AD72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1551. A communication from the Regulations Specialist, Office of Subsistence Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska - 2025-26 and 2026-27 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Shellfish Regulations" (RIN1018-BH14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1552. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Remove Regulations for Sulphur Operations" (RIN1014-AA64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1553. A communication from the Regulations Specialist, Office of Subsistence Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Subsistence Management Program; Transfer of Regulations" (RIN1090-AB30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1554. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Deadlines in Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Rule Final Rule" ((RIN2060-AW61) (FRL No. 12675-01-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1555. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1556. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1557. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of extension of authorization in to the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to members of the United States Coast Guard in relation to the national emergency that was originally declared in Proclamation 10886 of January 20,

2025, with respect to the southern border; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1558. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Corpus Christi Bay, Corpus Christi, Texas” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0483)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1559. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulation; San Pedro Bay, San Pedro, California” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0434)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1560. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Delaware River Dredging, Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0556)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1561. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0120)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1562. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; East River, Green Bay, Wisconsin” ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0534)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1563. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Lake Erie, Lakewood, Ohio” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0558)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1564. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Milwaukee Air and Water Show, Milwaukee, Wisconsin” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0270)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1565. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Rainy Lake, City of Ranier, Minnesota” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0221)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1566. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Little Potato Slough, Stockton, California” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0657)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1567. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulation; 100th Annual Pony Swim, Chincoteague Inlet and Surrounding Waters, Sector Virginia Captain of the Port Zone” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0463)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1568. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Dyes Inlet, Silverdale, Washington” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0649)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1569. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulated Navigation Area and Safety Zone; Hampton River, Hampton, New Hampshire” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0389)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1570. A communication from the Senior Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision of National Environmental Policy Act Regulations” ((RIN2130-AD05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1571. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23087” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0345)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1572. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Alaskan Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range Federal Airways V-44 and V-504 in Alaska” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2738)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1573. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments” ((RIN2120-AA63) (Docket No. 31615)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1574. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard

Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Amdt. No. 4173” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31613)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1575. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Renaming of Restricted Areas R-5311A, R-311B, and R-5311C; Fort Liberty, North Carolina” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1714)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1576. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D, Amendment of Class E4, and Amendment of Class E5 Airspace; Nantucket, Massachusetts” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1021)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1577. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Culpeper, Virginia” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1845)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1578. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23084” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0628)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1579. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. Engines; Amendment 39-23086” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0621)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1580. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Yabara Industria Aeronautica S.A.; Embraer S.A.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23083” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0022)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1581. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Engines; Amendment 39-23081” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1885)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1582. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23088” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1880)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1583. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-23085” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0625)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1584. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2025 Management Area 1B Possession Limit Adjustment” (RIN0648-XE604) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1585. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG (Formerly BRP-POWERTRAIN GMBH & CO KG and Bombardier-Rotax GmbH) Engines; Amendment 39-23090” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1366)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1586. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Restricted Area R-4601 in the Vicinity of Townsend, Montana” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2371)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1587. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 4175” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31616)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1588. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 50 Feet Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XD691) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-16. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana urging

the United States Congress and the President of the United States to undertake actions to unleash American energy by reforming and streamlining permitting obligations and repealing or revising environmental regulations and environmental reviews that do not align with national security interests; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Whereas, the United States should reduce its reliance on foreign energy sources and prioritize domestic energy production and independence; and

Whereas, energy production and the infrastructure supporting it are fundamental to the economic stability, national security, and overall well-being of the American people; and

Whereas, the United States faces a growing demand for reliable and efficient energy sources, particularly with the rapid rise of artificial intelligence, which will place an additional strain on existing energy production and transmission networks; and

Whereas, environmental stewardship that keeps our air and water clean, protects public health, ensures biodiversity and species protection, and conserves public lands is a worthy goal that is important to achieve, but the current federal permitting and environmental review processes and federal regulations, including the power plant rules finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency in May 2024, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations, and dozens of other regulations have become excessively cumbersome and time-consuming, creating barriers to the construction, development, and deployment of essential new energy infrastructure, while not necessarily meaningfully advancing the goals of these laws; and

Whereas, not only do these overly restrictive permitting and environmental review processes and regulations prevent the expansion of critical energy projects that are needed to meet the new demands of energy, but recently enacted regulations under President Biden’s Administration were designed to materially harm existing, reliable generation assets, such as Montana’s Colstrip Steam Electric Station; and

Whereas, in order to support domestic manufacturing, enhance grid reliability and prevent blackouts, lower costs for consumers and businesses, meet the demands of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, and ensure the national energy security goals announced by President Donald J. Trump are met, the federal government should reform and streamline its permitting and environmental review processes and regulations to support the construction and modernization of domestic energy generation and infrastructure necessary to sustain economic growth and technological advancement; and

Whereas, the United States’ foreign adversaries are leveraging their lack of similar environmental regulatory paradigms to make large-scale investments in energy production and artificial intelligence advancements in an effort to gain technological and geopolitical dominance, while destabilizing the West and neutralizing Americans’ global influence; and

Whereas, both linear infrastructure, such as pipelines and transmission lines, as well as energy generation infrastructure and corresponding fuel sources for that generation infrastructure face extraordinary and indefensible delays due to overlitigation, inappropriate blocking of nationally important

projects by unrepresentative and often radical groups that hold those projects hostage, and excessive use of our court system to hinder worthy projects; and

Whereas, major delays in projects caused by inefficient permitting or overlitigation can dramatically increase costs and make projects less viable, harming national security interests, costing consumers, businesses, and taxpayers money, and making our energy system less reliable; and

Whereas, unnecessary permitting and regulatory delays also increase American dependence on energy produced by foreign dictators and authoritarian regimes that do not care about the United States’ environmental laws; and

Whereas, unnecessary permitting delays limit investments made in modernizing our nation’s infrastructure that would result in a more efficient energy system with reduced emissions and environmental impact; and

Whereas, overlapping federal permitting requirements lack the flexibility to allow for efforts that reflect the spirit and intent of traditional environmental laws by protecting human health and the environment instead of procedural compliance with outdated regulations; and

Whereas, failure to reform federal permitting laws is already resulting in harm to our national security interests, fewer jobs, and higher prices for Americans without providing additional benefits for the environment; and

Whereas, failing to reform these laws in the coming months will result in even greater limitations on our energy infrastructure, harming our ability to maintain artificial intelligence superiority against our foreign adversaries, and costing even more American jobs while raising costs for consumers and businesses and leaving America vulnerable to unreliability, blackouts, and the resulting severe harm to the American people;

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump has already announced significant initiatives and is advancing policies that strengthen American energy and innovation independence, including the construction of data centers; and

Whereas, Montana is rich in abundant energy resource development and deployment opportunities, including coal, oil, natural gas, hydropower, wind, geothermal, hydrogen, solar, pumped storage hydropower, and nuclear capabilities; and

Whereas, Montana stands ready to support the United States’ energy independence and national security goals by leveraging our natural resources, rich national defense heritage, work ethic, and sheer grit. Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana:*

Section 1. Policy. Orderly production and transmission of the United States’ vast energy resources, unencumbered by unnecessary regulatory burdens, is essential to our nation’s security and the well-being of the American people. It is further in the national interest to ensure that the United States’ electricity is affordable, reliable, safe, and secure.

Section 2. Immediate review of Environmental Protection Agency actions taken on May 2024. The Environmental Protection Agency should immediately review and, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, take swift action to undo two federal power plant regulations that were recently promulgated and conflict with the important national objectives set forth in Section 1.

(1) The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency should immediately review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions promulgated,