

Senate Resolution 7

S-3219

1 Amend Senate Resolution 7 as follows:

2 1. By striking page 1, line 1, through page 3, line
3 3, and inserting:

4 <A Resolution urging the nullification of rules
5 adopted by the United States Environmental Protection
6 Agency relating to national emissions standards for
7 hazardous air pollutants for reciprocating internal
8 combustion engines.

9 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental
10 Protection Agency in March 2000 finalized national
11 emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants for
12 reciprocating internal combustion engines which took
13 effect in May 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, the rules would have a devastating impact
15 on Iowa's municipal utilities due to the fact that the
16 municipal utilities collectively operate 287 diesel
17 electric generators with a combined nameplate capacity
18 of 548 megawatts; and

19 WHEREAS, these rules impact 67 utilities that serve
20 a total of 106,000 customers with an average of 1,560
21 customer meters per utility; and

22 WHEREAS, Iowa's municipal electric utilities
23 operate diesel generators both to be able to keep the
24 lights on when transmissions lines are downed by ice,
25 wind, floods, or other natural disasters or man-made
26 emergencies, and to meet the obligation to own or buy
27 reserve capacity; and

28 WHEREAS, the rules allow a municipal electric
29 utility to run diesel generators in an emergency, but
30 effectively take away the ability of a small community
31 to afford them by prohibiting the receipt of payment or
32 credit for reserve capacity; and

33 WHEREAS, the diesel generators run only a few hours
34 a year, with averages ranging from 14 to 46 hours
35 depending on power supply arrangements; and

36 WHEREAS, the application of the rules requires that
37 each of these engines either be retrofit, replaced,
38 or removed, resulting in huge cost increases to the
39 citizen owners of these utilities in the form of rate
40 increases and lost capacity; and

41 WHEREAS, the cost estimate if all 287 diesel
42 generators were to be retrofit for compliance over a
43 10-year period is \$36 million, which is an average cost
44 of \$34.14 per year per customer with costs as high
45 as \$203 per year per customer or more, and such cost
46 estimates would increase beyond this amount if diesel
47 generators are replaced or taken out of service; NOW
48 THEREFORE,

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the United States
50 Environmental Protection Agency is urged to rescind

1 the national emissions standards for hazardous air
2 pollutants for reciprocating internal combustion
3 engines; and
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Iowa's Congressional
5 delegation is urged to take action to nullify the
6 rules; and
7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
8 Senate shall forward a copy of this resolution to
9 the Administrator of the United States Environmental
10 Protection Agency and all members of Iowa's
11 Congressional delegation.>

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