

H. Con. Res. 119 — Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy (Rep. Scalise, R-LA)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on July 19, 2018, under a closed rule.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

<u>H. Con. Res. 119</u> would express a sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to American families and businesses, and would not be in the best interest of the United States.

COST:

Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates are not required for resolutions.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No, the resolution would express Congressional opposition to a massive expansion of the Federal government.
- Encroach into State or Local Authority? No.
- Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch? No.
- Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

H. Con. Res. 119 would express a sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to American families and businesses, and would not be in the best interest of the United States. According to the findings of the resolution, a carbon tax will increase energy prices, including the price of gasoline, electricity, natural gas, and home heating oil. In addition, a carbon tax would impose disproportionate burdens on certain industries, jobs, States, and geographic regions and would further restrict the global competitiveness of the United States.

OUTSIDE GROUPS:

Coalition letter in support

- Americans for Tax Reform
- Americans for Prosperity
- 60 Plus Association
- American Commitment
- American Energy Alliance
- ALEC Action
- Campaign for Liberty
- The Carlstrom Group, LLC

- Center for Freedom and Prosperity
- Center for Individual Freedom
- Club for Growth Kent
- Competitive Enterprise Institute
- Consumer Action for a Strong Economy
- Council for Citizens Against Government Waste
- Energy & Environmental Legal Institute
- Family Business for Affordable Energy
- FreedomWorks
- The Heartland Institute
- Hispanic Leadership Fund
- Independent Women's Forum
- Independent Women's Voice
- Less Government
- Pelican Institute for Public Policy
- Rhode Island Center for Freedom and Prosperity
- Taxpayers Protection Alliance
- Tea Party Nation
- Women for Trump
- Becky Norton Dunlop

Additional Groups in Support

- National Black Chamber of Commerce
- American Farm Bureau Federation
- American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

More information from the American Enterprise Institute on the economic impact of a proposed carbon tax can be found here.

Opposed

Citizens Climate Lobby

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H. Con Res. 119 was introduced on April 26, 2018, and was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

No constitutional authority is required.

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