

1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 35  
2                                   (As amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3           WHEREAS, Development of Illinois' natural resources,  
4 especially its coal reserves, in an environmentally sound  
5 manner will stimulate the economy of this State, especially  
6 in the southern part of our State; and

7           WHEREAS, Illinois is currently in the process of  
8 transitioning from a fully regulated electric generation  
9 market into a competitive electric generation market; and

10          WHEREAS, Recent events in the western part of the United  
11 States have demonstrated the need to develop electric  
12 generation resources to ensure a reliable supply of  
13 electricity; and

14          WHEREAS, There is an increasing need for electricity and  
15 electric generation capacity within Illinois and surrounding  
16 states; and

17          WHEREAS, Illinois has the richest coal reserves in the  
18 nation and it is imperative that these coal reserves be  
19 developed and utilized; and

20          WHEREAS, It is paramount that any electric generating  
21 facilities built in Illinois use Illinois natural resources,  
22 especially Illinois coal, and protect the environment with  
23 the best available technology; and

24          WHEREAS, In preparing for the coming deregulated electric  
25 power generation market, Illinois must plan to take advantage  
26 of the environmentally sound use of its own natural  
27 resources, including Illinois coal; and

28          WHEREAS, Illinois has the opportunity to foster  
29 significant economic development within the State during the  
30 transition into a deregulated electric marketplace; and

1           WHEREAS, The development of power generation capacity  
2 raises concerns about the environmental impact of those power  
3 generation facilities; and

4           WHEREAS, Current federal regulations regarding emissions  
5 of nitrogen oxides and emission credits may impede  
6 development of necessary electric generation facilities; and

7           WHEREAS, Illinois must work to ensure that sufficient  
8 nitrogen oxide emission credits are available for new  
9 electricity generating sources that will utilize clean coal  
10 technologies; and

11           WHEREAS, Illinois' budget for nitrogen oxide emission  
12 allowances is limited due to the State's current reliance on  
13 nuclear power which will eventually be decommissioned and  
14 therefore, unavailable for generating electricity; and

15           WHEREAS, The development of clean coal technologies,  
16 including coal gasification, with the vast coal reserves  
17 within Illinois will enable Illinois to harvest the rewards  
18 of utilizing the proven coal reserves of this State and to  
19 support the further development of clean energy solutions  
20 utilizing our State's natural resources as the fuel; and

21           WHEREAS, President Bush has called for the development of  
22 a national energy policy; and

23           WHEREAS, Illinois is uniquely positioned to contribute to  
24 the development of that national energy policy through use of  
25 its extensive natural resources and coal reserves in an  
26 environmentally sound manner; and

27           WHEREAS, Some adjustments in Illinois' nitrogen oxide  
28 emission allowances established by the United States  
29 Environmental Protection Agency will be necessary to foster  
30 the development of electric generating facilities that  
31 utilize Illinois natural resources and coal reserves;

1     therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
3     ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
4     REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the United  
5     States Congress and the United States Environmental  
6     Protection Agency to increase Illinois' nitrogen oxide  
7     emission allowances budget; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9     delivered to the President of the United States, the Vice  
10    President of the United States, the Administrator of the  
11    United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Governor  
12    of the State of Illinois, the members of the Illinois  
13    Congressional delegation, and the Speaker of the United  
14    States House of Representatives.