

Appendix

The Byrd Hagel resolution

The 1997 Byrd-Hagel resolution stated that the Administration will not participate in any treaty and mandate any new commitments which would:

(A) “Mandate new commitments to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the Annex I Parties unless the protocol also mandates new specific scheduled commitments to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions for Developing Country Parties within the same compliance period, or

(B) Would result in serious harm to the economy of the United States; and

2. Any such protocol or other agreement which would require the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification should be accompanied by a detailed explanation of any legislation or regulatory actions that may be required to implement the Protocol or other agreement and should also be accompanied by an analysis of the detailed financial costs and other impacts on the economy of the United States which would be incurred by the implementation of the protocol or other agreement”.

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