

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1016

By: Moore

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Concurrent Resolution providing for office space  
10                   within the State Capitol Building for United States  
11                   Senators representing the State of Oklahoma;  
12                   requesting that the United States Senators  
13                   representing the State of Oklahoma be represented at  
14                   state budget hearings and perform certain other  
15                   duties; providing for action by the State Legislature  
16                   to carry out the provisions of the United States  
17                   Constitution and the Oklahoma Constitution; and  
18                   directing distribution.

19                   WHEREAS, members of the United States Senate elected from this  
20                   state represent the interest of the State of Oklahoma at the United  
21                   States Capitol, being elected solely for that sovereign purpose of  
22                   representing the State of Oklahoma in the United States Senate; and

23                   WHEREAS, United States Senators swear an oath to protect, defend  
24                   and uphold the United States Constitution; and

                  WHEREAS, the United States Senate is a house of states with the  
intended purpose of protecting states' rights, with the Senators so

1 | elected having a sovereign duty to their state, its people and  
2 | elected officials; and

3 |       WHEREAS, the United States Senate has an important role in  
4 | checking the overreach of power by the Legislative, Executive and  
5 | Judicial Branches of the federal government and the prevention of  
6 | usurpation of the sovereign rights of states; and

7 |       WHEREAS, to protect all states and citizens of this country,  
8 | including the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, the United States  
9 | Senate confirms appointment of United States Supreme Court Justices  
10 | and tries all impeachments to remove said Justices for behavior that  
11 | does not affirm the United States Constitution; and

12 |       WHEREAS, as our state has an interest in determining the  
13 | constitutionality of federal laws, rules and regulations that may be  
14 | the subject of cases heard by the United States Supreme Court, the  
15 | Oklahoma Legislature has a duty to uphold the United States  
16 | Constitution; and

17 |       WHEREAS, in performing this duty, the Oklahoma Legislature needs  
18 | direct access to our representation at the United States Capitol to  
19 | express the needs of this state; and

20 |       WHEREAS, as our state agencies have a number of interactions  
21 | with the federal government because of federal laws, rules and  
22 | regulations, our state needs for our United States Senators to be  
23 | accessible to fully understand when time and monetary cost of  
24 | complying with these federal laws, rules and regulations is not an

1 efficient use of our taxpayers' dollars or is outside the boundaries  
2 of constitutional authority; and

3 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature believes, as a state, it is  
4 imperative that our United States Senators be "at the ready" to  
5 defend our state from federal overreach and extra-constitutional  
6 intrusion and believes this can best be done at no cost to our  
7 United States Senators' operational budgets by the granting of  
8 office space in the State Capitol to the Oklahoma United States  
9 Senators.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
12 CONCURRING THEREIN:

13 THAT the United States Senators representing the State of  
14 Oklahoma be offered office space within the State Capitol Building,  
15 as deemed appropriate by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
16 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

17 THAT as an appreciable percentage of our state's budget comes  
18 from appropriations made by the United States Congress, the Oklahoma  
19 Legislature requests that the United States Senators representing  
20 the State of Oklahoma be available for the protection of state  
21 sovereignty such as being represented at our budget hearings,  
22 official events as needed by the Governor, and to take direction  
23 from the State Legislature relative to national questions that  
24 impact Oklahoma's sovereign rights.

1        THAT the State Legislature take any other action necessary, to  
2 implement the intent and purpose of this resolution, and to see that  
3 the Constitution of the United States and the State of Oklahoma are  
4 fully carried out. Recognizing that the Seventeenth Amendment did  
5 not amend the duties or intent of the United States Senators, nor  
6 the Senate, to be a house of states and to serve as a protection for  
7 states' rights, only the method of election of Senators was changed  
8 and that this resolution is fully in compliance with the United  
9 States Constitution.

10        THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to United States  
11 Senator Jim Inhofe and United States Senator James Lankford.

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13 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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