



**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
CONFERENCE REPORT  
Senate Bill 709**

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[NO] Title Change

[NO] For Committee Substitute

To: The President of the Senate  
The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on Senate Bill 709, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ENERGY PRODUCTION IN NORTH CAROLINA TO DEVELOP A SECURE, STABLE, AND PREDICTABLE ENERGY SUPPLY TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOB CREATION, AND EXPANSION OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND TO ASSIGN FUTURE REVENUE FROM ENERGY EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND QUALITY OF LIFE, House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/8/11, Fifth Edition Engrossed 6/14/11, submit the following report:

The Senate and House agree to the following amendments and the Senate concurs in House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/8/11, Fifth Edition Engrossed 6/14/11, as amended:

on page 5, lines 9 through 14, by rewriting the lines to read:

**"SECTION 3.(a)** Onshore shale gas. – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall provide a comprehensive report to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Energy Jobs Council, created in G.S. 113B-2, as amended in Section 4 of this act, and the Joint Regulatory Reform Committee by May 1, 2012, that outlines the commercial potential of onshore shale gas resources within the State as well as the regulatory framework necessary to develop this resource. As part of this study, the Department is encouraged to collaborate with the Energy Jobs Council. As part of this report, the Department shall";

and on page 5, lines 49 and 50, by rewriting the lines to read:

"Session, if House Bill 242 becomes law. The result of these consolidated studies, if applicable, shall result in one final report from the Department.";

and on page 14, line 1, by rewriting the line to read:

"Commission is hereby authorized to make its staff available to the Council to assist in";

and on page 15, lines 4 through 7, by rewriting those lines to read:

**"SECTION 6.(d)** This act is effective when it becomes law.".



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The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: June 16, 2011.

Conferees for the Senate

Conferees for the House of Representatives

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Bob Rucho, Chair

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<i>House</i>	Submitted	<i>placed on today's calendar w/o objection</i>		
	ADOPTED	_____	( / )	Message Received _____
	ADOPTED	_____	( / )	Ordered Enrolled _____

*On motion Rep. Gillespie conference report is withdrawn and returned to conference committee*

JUN 17 2011

*Kamie Weeks*

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