



## 2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

May 16, 2001 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, BURKE, RISSER, ROSENZWEIG, DECKER, BAUMGART, SCHULTZ, ROESSLER, HARSDF, DARLING, GROBSCHMIDT, HANSEN and PLACHE, cosponsored by Representatives KEDZIE, GUNDERSON, HUBER, PLALE, RYBA, SHERMAN, MUSSER, RICHARDS, KRAWCZYK, F. LASEE, HAHN, LIPPERT, KRUG, STASKUNAS, BOCK, POCAN, HUNDERTMARK, PLOUFF, OWENS, LADWIG, OTT, MEYERHOFER, MILLER, NASS, LASSA, SKINDRUD and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on Environmental Resources.

1     **Relating to:** urging the U.S. and Canadian governments to prohibit diversion of  
2           Great Lakes water.

3           Whereas, the water within the Great Lakes basin is a precious natural resource  
4     that needs to be carefully and cooperatively managed and protected to meet existing  
5     and future water needs within the Great Lakes basin and the Canadian provinces;  
6     and

7           Whereas, any new diversions of Great Lakes waters for use outside of the Great  
8     Lakes basin will have significant adverse effects on the environment, economy, and  
9     welfare of the Great Lakes region; and

10          Whereas, the government of Canada has considered authorizing a company to  
11     divert water from the Great Lakes to sell in Asia; and

12          Whereas, as trustees of the Great Lakes basin's natural resources, the U.S.  
13     government, the Canadian government, the Great Lakes states, municipalities, and  
14     other local governments, and Canadian provinces have a shared duty to protect,

1 conserve, and manage the waters of the Great Lakes basin for the future use, benefit,  
2 and enjoyment of all of their citizens; now, therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
4 Wisconsin legislature call upon the Congress and President of the United States and  
5 the Parliament and Prime Minister of Canada to act to prohibit the sale or diversion  
6 of Great Lakes water to foreign countries and to businesses, corporations,  
7 individuals, states, municipalities, and other local governments located outside of  
8 the Great Lakes basin; and, be it further

9 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
10 resolution to each member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, to the  
11 President of the United States, and to the Prime Minister of Canada.

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