

# News From NJ Senate Democrats

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## **SMITH: STUDY CLIMATE CHANGE'S IMPACT ON NEW JERSEY**

TRENTON - A bill sponsored by Senator Bob Smith to study the impact of global warming on New Jersey's water supply, tourism industry and agricultural products was approved today by the Senate Environment Committee and sent to the full Senate for a floor vote.

"New Jersey has to adjust to the climate change over the years because it will have an impact on our natural resources, our recreational activities and our need for energy sources," said Senator Smith, the Chairman of the Senate environment panel.

Under the Smith bill, S-559, a 13-member Commission on Global Climate Change would submit a report to the Governor, the Legislature and the Department of Environmental Protection after 18 months with an assessment of global warming's long-range impact and an action response plan for New Jersey.

"The more we find out about global warming and its effects on our economy and way of life, the better off we will be," said Senator Smith, D-Middlesex.

The panel would have as members four gubernatorial appointees with training and expertise in global climate change, the President of the Board of Public Utilities, the DEP, the Community Affairs and the Health and Senior Services commissioners, the Chair of the Clean Air Council, two environmentalists, a farmer and a member of the industrial community.