

Sens. Johanns and Fischer React to Supreme Court EPA Ruling

(KTNC)-- A Supreme Court ruling declares the EPA went too far in regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act, but only a bit too far. Senator Fischer sees little practical effect from the decision. .

Senator Johanns says the Supreme Court merely nibbled around the edges of the EPA's power. The ruling came prior to the EPA announcement it wants to cut carbon emissions from existing plants by up to 30-percent.

A United States Supreme Court ruling might well limit the EPA's regulatory power, but Senator Fischer says it won't limit it that much. The court has ruled the EPA overstepped its authority in regulating carbon emissions under the Clean Air Act, but only by a little bit. Fischer says it's up to Congress, not the courts, to tell the EPA how far it can go. Fischer says she believes the ruling will do nothing to curb what she calls the EPA's war on coal.

Senator Johanns doesn't see much practical effect to a Supreme Court ruling limiting the EPA's power to enforce the Clean Air Act. Johanns reads the ruling as stating the Supreme Court is more inclined to allow the EPA to interpret how to implement the Clean Air Act.

Johanns sees little in the reading that will curb the EPA's move against coal-fired power plants and sees little in a recent Supreme Court ruling that will curb what he asserts is the EPA's war on coal. The Supreme Court decision restricts the EPA's power to regulate under the Clean Air Act. Johanns says the court limited the EPA, but not by much.

The court case came prior to the recent EPA announcement that it wants existing power plants, including coal-fired power plants, to curb carbon emissions by as much as 30-percent.

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