

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT ALL STATE AGENCIES,
2 DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS SUBMITTING BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FISCAL
3 YEAR 2001 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR TO DEVELOP THOSE BUDGET
4 REQUESTS PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; TO DIRECT THE JOINT
5 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO DEVELOP
6 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; TO
7 REQUIRE THAT EACH APPROPRIATION BILL ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE BE
8 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ZERO-BASED BUDGETING; AND FOR RELATED
9 PURPOSES.

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to developing the state
11 budget using performance budgeting techniques that focus on
12 outputs, efficiencies and outcomes; and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the use of
14 incremental budgeting by state agencies, departments and
15 institutions is a simplistic approach to budgeting that focuses
16 largely on inputs; and

17 WHEREAS, the use of incremental budgeting by state agencies,
18 departments and institutions in requesting appropriations, along
19 with a "spend it or lose it" approach toward expenditure of an
20 appropriation, will inherently result in bloated budget requests:

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
23 THEREIN, That each state agency, department or institution that is
24 required to submit a budget request for fiscal year 2001 and for
25 each subsequent fiscal year shall develop the request pursuant to
26 zero-based budgeting to the extent that each budgetary unit shall:

27 (a) Upon identifying the component programs and
28 describing the activities conducted by each program, specify the
29 legal basis for each program of the budgetary unit to conduct each

30 activity described;

31 (b) Itemize in detail by object of expenditure the
32 budgetary requirements for conducting the activities of each
33 program for the prior fiscal year actual expenditures, current
34 fiscal year estimated expenditures and budget fiscal year
35 projected expenditures by starting with a base of zero dollars and
36 adding dollar amounts for activities conducted in the prior fiscal
37 year, deemed appropriate in the current fiscal year and requested
38 in the budget fiscal year;

39 (c) Identify and itemize in detail by object of
40 expenditure the changes in the budgetary requirements for
41 conducting the activities of each program between the prior fiscal
42 year actual expenditures and the current fiscal year estimated
43 expenditures, and between the current fiscal year estimated
44 expenditures and the budget fiscal year projected expenditures;

45 (d) Develop a narrative for each program justifying
46 each line-item of the itemized budgetary requirements for
47 conducting the activities of the program for the prior fiscal year
48 actual expenditures, and justifying each line-item of the itemized
49 changes in the budgetary requirements for conducting the
50 activities of the program between the prior fiscal year actual
51 expenditures and the current fiscal year estimated expenditures,
52 and between the current fiscal year estimated expenditures and the
53 budget fiscal year projected expenditures.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Joint Legislative Budget
55 Committee and the Governor's office shall review and evaluate only
56 those budget requests developed as prescribed in paragraphs (a)
57 through (d) above, and develop budget recommendations to the
58 Legislature starting with a base of zero dollars for each program
59 in each budgetary unit and adding dollars as necessary for actual
60 expenditures on activities approved in the prior fiscal year, and
61 adding or reducing dollars as necessary for estimated changes in
62 expenditures approved for the current fiscal year, and adding or
63 reducing dollars as necessary for recommended changes in
64 expenditures deemed appropriate for the budget fiscal year.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature shall determine
66 each appropriation for fiscal year 2001 and each subsequent fiscal

67 year for expenditure by any state agency, department or
68 institution by starting with a base of zero dollars for each
69 program in each budgetary unit and adding dollars as necessary for
70 actual expenditures on activities approved in the prior fiscal
71 year, and adding or reducing dollars as necessary for estimated
72 changes in expenditures approved for the current fiscal year, and
73 adding or reducing dollars as necessary for changes in
74 expenditures deemed appropriate for the budget fiscal year.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
76 provided to the director or governing body of every state agency,
77 department and institution.