

By: Senator(s) Carlton

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 524

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE FOR THE BACKWATER PUMP PROJECT FOR THE
3 LOWER DELTA REGION, AND URGING THE U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO ACT
4 EXPEDITIOUSLY IN COMPLETING THE PROJECT.

5 WHEREAS, the Yazoo Backwater area is subject to recurring
6 floods causing substantial financial losses and immeasurable
7 personal trauma; and

8 WHEREAS, the flood of 1973 created a body of flood water 60
9 miles long and caused over \$65 Million in losses; and

10 WHEREAS, substantial flooding occurred in 1975, 1979, 1983,
11 1989, 1994, 1995 and 1997; and

12 WHEREAS, the Backwater Pump Project for the Lower Delta will
13 provide protection for the South Delta region; and

14 WHEREAS, this project will drastically reduce the total
15 acreage subject to flooding; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to substantially reducing economic
17 losses, the pumping capacity design will be operated in a manner
18 that is sensitive to waterfowl objectives of the U.S. Fish and
19 Wildlife Service; and

20 WHEREAS, the completion of the Backwater Pump Project is
21 essential to flood protection and future development of the South
22 Delta region; and

23 WHEREAS, due to the immeasurable benefits of this project and
24 the urgent need for completion of the project, it is vital that
25 the U.S. Corps of Engineers act expeditiously to fulfill its
26 mission authorized by Congress:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE

28 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That the
29 Legislature does hereby express its support of the Backwater Pump
30 Project for the Lower Delta and urge the Vicksburg District, U.S.
31 Corps of Engineers, to act expeditiously in completing the project
32 and fulfilling the mission assigned to the U.S. Corps of Engineers
33 by Congress.