

By: Senator(s) Robertson

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 621

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DIRECTING ALL STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS,  
2 COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE STATUS REPORTS ON YEAR 2000  
3 COMPLIANCE FOR MISSION CRITICAL APPLICATIONS AND INTERFACES AND  
4 DIRECTING THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
5 SERVICES TO DEVELOP STATUS REPORTING PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES AND  
6 REPORT PERIODICALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE.

7 WHEREAS, because of a design feature in many electronic  
8 systems, a large number of activities in the public and private  
9 sectors could be at risk beginning in the Year 2000; and

10 WHEREAS, some computer systems and other electronic devices  
11 will misinterpret the year "00" as 1900, rather than 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, unless appropriate action is taken, this flaw, known  
13 as the Year 2000 conversion problem, hereinafter referred to as  
14 the "Y2K problem," may cause systems that support critical  
15 government functions dependent on electronic systems to compute  
16 erroneously or simply not operate; and

17 WHEREAS, minimizing the Y2K problem will require a major  
18 technological and managerial effort, and it is critical that  
19 Mississippi government do its part in addressing this challenge:

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
21 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That each  
22 agency shall assure that no critical state program experiences  
23 disruption because of the Y2K problem; assist and cooperate with  
24 other federal, state and local governments to address the Y2K  
25 problem where those governments depend on Mississippi information  
26 or information technology or where Mississippi government is  
27 dependent on those governments to perform critical missions; and  
28 cooperate with the private sector operators of critical national

29 and local systems, including the banking and financial system, the  
30 telecommunications system, the public health system, the  
31 transportation system and the electric power generation system, in  
32 addressing the Y2K problem.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each administrative head of each  
34 agency shall assure that efforts to address the Y2K problem  
35 receive the highest priority attention in the agency; monitor  
36 progress of agency's mission critical applications and associated  
37 interfaces with other government or business entities to assure  
38 timely Year 2000 compliance; and provide status reports on Y2K  
39 compliance for mission critical applications and interfaces as  
40 requested by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology  
41 Services.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mississippi Department of  
43 Information Technology Services shall develop status reporting  
44 procedures and schedules and shall report periodically to the  
45 Governor and the Legislature.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mississippi Department of  
47 Information Technology Services' staff is available to advise  
48 state agencies, boards, departments and commissions.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
50 provided to the director or governing body of every state agency,  
51 board, department and commission.