

By: Senator(s) Jordan (24th), Walls

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
2 AND THE MISSISSIPPI CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CREATE A PERMANENT
3 HEARING OFFICE TO HANDLE HEARINGS AND APPEALS FOR THE NORTHWEST
4 PART OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the Social Security Administration Office of
6 Hearings and Appeals in Jackson, Mississippi, services five areas,
7 including Jackson, Greenville, Greenwood, Meridian and Natchez;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Jackson Hearing Office receives over 400 cases
10 per month and 40 percent of these cases are located in the
11 Greenwood and Greenville area, which often requires judges to
12 travel overnight to hear these cases at the expense of the
13 government; and

14 WHEREAS, the Jackson office is greatly understaffed, forcing
15 the administration to pay judges, who heard 1,500 cases in the
16 1998 fiscal year, from other states to help with the case load;
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18 WHEREAS, the creation of an office for hearings and appeals
19 in the Greenwood or Greenville area would help expedite the
20 hearings for the people in these areas; and

21 WHEREAS, the Social Security Administration Office of
22 Hearings and Appeals is urgently in need of a permanent hearing
23 office, possibly in the Greenwood Federal Building, which has
24 recently remodeled the hearing rooms and has the space to house
25 judges and their staff, to assist with the enormous case load:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
27 SENATE, That we do hereby memorialize the Social Security

28 Administration and the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to
29 create a permanent hearing office to handle hearings and appeals
30 for the northwest part of Mississippi.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
32 furnished to the Director of the Social Security Administration,
33 the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and to the members of the
34 Capitol Press Corps.