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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A NEW HOUSE RULE 25A TO PROHIBIT THE
2 POSSESSION OF ANY DEVICE THAT MAKES A RING, ALARM OR OTHER AUDIBLE
3 SOUND ON THE HOUSE FLOOR OR IN THE HOUSE GALLERIES WHEN THE HOUSE
4 IS IN SESSION OR WHEN THE HOUSE AND SENATE ARE MEETING IN JOINT
5 CONVENTION, UNLESS THE DEVICE HAS BEEN SET SO THAT IT WILL NOT
6 MAKE AN AUDIBLE SOUND; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF
7 THIS RULE IF ANY SUCH DEVICE MAKES AN AUDIBLE SOUND ON THE HOUSE
8 FLOOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THIS RULE BY THE
9 SERGEANT AT ARMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
11 OF MISSISSIPPI, That the 2000-2004 Rules of the House are amended
12 by creating a new Rule 25A to read as follows:

13 25A. (1) When the House is in session or when the House and
14 Senate are meeting in joint convention, no member or employee of
15 the House or Senate or any other person shall have in his or her
16 possession while on the floor of the House a cellular phone,
17 electronic pager, clock, watch, or any other device that makes a
18 ring, alarm or other audible sound, unless the device has been set
19 so that it will not make an audible sound. If any member or
20 employee of the House or Senate or other person has any such
21 device in his or her possession while on the floor of the House
22 when the House is in session or when the House and Senate are
23 meeting in joint convention, and the device makes an audible
24 sound, the person shall be given a warning by the Sergeant at Arms

25 or a House security officer for the first violation of this rule.

26 For a second or any subsequent violation of this rule, the person
27 shall be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which shall be
28 collected by the Clerk of the House and deposited into the House
29 Contingent Fund.

30 (2) The Sergeant at Arms shall post a sign at the entrance
31 to each of the galleries of the House which states that no person
32 who is in the gallery when the House is in session or when the
33 House and Senate are meeting in joint convention shall have in his
34 or her possession any device that makes a ring, alarm or other
35 audible sound, unless the device has been set so that it will not
36 make an audible sound. A person having any such device that
37 cannot be set so that it will not make an audible sound must leave
38 the device with a House security officer outside the gallery in
39 order to be allowed to sit in the gallery. If any person who is
40 in the gallery when the House is in session or when the House and
41 Senate are meeting in joint convention has any such device in his
42 or her possession, and the device makes an audible sound, the
43 person shall be removed from the gallery by the Sergeant at Arms
44 or a House security officer.

45 (3) This rule shall be strictly enforced by the Sergeant at
46 Arms and the other House security officers.