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Ellis, Gibbs, Green, Hudson, Ishee, Jennings,
Maples, Markham, Masterson, Mitchell,
Montgomery (15th), Moore (100th), Morris,
Moss, Nettles, Pierce, Robertson, Rushing,
Smith (27th), Taylor, West

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE THE PRACTICES AND OPERATION OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE MISSISSIPPI
4 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives has found
6 that the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the Mississippi
7 Department of Transportation, having a budget of almost One
8 Billion Dollars, requires closer oversight by the elected
9 representatives of the taxpayer:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That there is
12 established an ad hoc committee to investigate the practices of
13 the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the Mississippi
14 Department of Transportation.

15 The committee shall consist of the following eleven (11)
16 members:

17 (a) The Chairman of the House Transportation Committee;
18 (b) The Vice Chairman of the House Transportation
19 Committee; and

20 (c) Nine (9) members of the House of Representatives to
21 be appointed by the Speaker of the House, three (3) from each of
22 the Transportation Commission districts of the state;

23 All appointments to the committee shall be made within thirty
24 (30) days after the adoption of this resolution. Within fifteen
25 (15) days thereafter, on a day to be designated by the Speaker of
26 the House, the committee shall meet and organize by selecting from
27 its membership a chairman and vice chairman. The vice chairman

28 shall serve as secretary and shall be responsible for keeping all
29 records of the committee. A majority of the members of the
30 committee shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of its
31 officers and the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an
32 affirmative vote of a majority of the committee is required. All
33 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, and such
34 notices must be mailed at least five (5) days before the date on
35 which a meeting is to be held.

36 For attending meetings of the committee, each member of the
37 committee shall be paid from the House contingent expense fund per
38 diem in the amount authorized by Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code
39 of 1972, and a mileage allowance and an expense allowance in the
40 amount authorized by Section 5-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972.
41 However, no per diem, mileage allowance or expense allowance may
42 be paid for attending meetings of the committee while the
43 Legislature is in session, and no per diem, mileage allowance or
44 expense allowance may be paid without prior approval of the House
45 Management Committee. No committee member may incur per diem,
46 travel or other expenses unless previously authorized by vote, at
47 a meeting of the committee, which action must be recorded in the
48 official minutes of the meeting.

49 In carrying out the provisions of this resolution, the
50 committee may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of
51 all departments, agencies, offices and institutions of the state.

52 The committee shall solicit grievances from the members of
53 the House of Representatives concerning the practices and
54 operation of the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the
55 Mississippi Department of Transportation, and shall file its
56 report, recommendations and findings with the Clerk of the House
57 not later than January 1, 2001. The committee shall be dissolved
58 once the report and recommendations are filed.