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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 636

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT STUDY AND OVERSIGHT
2 COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE POULTRY PRODUCTION INDUSTRY IN MISSISSIPPI
3 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON; TO DIRECT THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO
4 MAKE A WRITTEN REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE
5 DECEMBER 1, 2000; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 WHEREAS, the production of poultry constitutes an important
7 and significant portion of the state's economy and it is
8 beneficial to the citizens of this state to protect the vitality
9 of this enterprise:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
11 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
12 a Special Joint Study and Oversight Committee is created to Review
13 the Poultry Production Industry in Mississippi and make
14 recommendations thereon. The joint committee shall examine the
15 status of poultry-growing arrangements and fair practices in
16 Mississippi. The joint committee shall also monitor the use of
17 funds provided by the 2000 Legislature to the Mississippi State
18 University Cooperative Extension Service and the Veterinary
19 Diagnostic Laboratory to supply poultry producers and processors
20 with additional specialists and services. The joint committee
21 shall be composed of twelve (12) members as follows: the Chairmen
22 of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, who shall serve as
23 co-chairmen, the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations
24 Committees, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker
25 Pro Tempore of the House, two (2) Senators to be appointed by the
26 Lieutenant Governor, two (2) Representatives to be appointed by
27 the Speaker of the House, the Attorney General and the Mississippi

28 Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

29 Within fifteen (15) days after sine die adjournment of the
30 2000 Regular Session of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor
31 and Speaker shall make necessary appointments of the committee.
32 After the members are appointed, the joint committee shall meet on
33 a date designated by the co-chairmen in Jackson, Mississippi, to
34 select a vice chairman who shall serve as secretary of the joint
35 committee, to organize the committee and establish rules for
36 transacting its business and keeping records. An affirmative vote
37 of a majority of the members shall be required in the adoption of
38 rules, resolutions and reports. All members of the joint
39 committee shall be notified in writing of all regular and special
40 meetings of the committee, which notices shall be mailed at least
41 five (5) days before the dates of the meetings.

42 The joint committee may establish any subcommittees that it
43 deems desirable to study and report to the committee with respect
44 to any matter that is within the scope of this resolution.

45 The joint committee shall make a written report of its
46 findings and recommendations, and shall mail copies of the report
47 to each member of the Legislature not later than December 1, 2000.

48 In carrying out the provisions of this resolution, the joint
49 committee may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of
50 all departments, agencies, offices and institutions of the state,
51 including the state universities and the community and junior
52 colleges. In particular, the joint committee shall consult with
53 the Mississippi State University Cooperative Extension Service and
54 the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory which shall cooperate with
55 the committee and provide the committee with any information and
56 other assistance requested by the committee. The joint committee
57 may consult and seek advice from various groups in the state in
58 order to understand the effect of any existing laws or any changes
59 in law being considered by the committee.

60 For attending meetings of the joint committee, each
61 legislative member shall be paid per diem compensation in the
62 amount authorized by Section 25-3-69 and a mileage allowance and
63 an expense allowance in the amount authorized by Section 5-1-47,
64 to be paid from the contingent expense fund of the member's

65 respective house. Nonlegislative members shall not receive per
66 diem compensation but shall be entitled to expense reimbursement
67 for any necessary travel. However, no per diem compensation,
68 mileage allowance or expense allowance shall be paid for attending
69 meetings of the joint committee while the Legislature is in
70 session, and no per diem compensation, mileage allowance or
71 expense allowance shall be paid without prior approval of the
72 proper committee in the member's respective house.