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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE  
2 COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE INCREASED COST OF GAS AND OTHER  
3 ENERGY SOURCES.

4 WHEREAS, in recent months, Mississippians have endured the  
5 coldest winter the state has seen in countless years; and

6 WHEREAS, government estimates show that the residential price  
7 for gas has increased forty-six percent (46%) since the same time  
8 last year; and

9 WHEREAS, the average family is facing natural gas bills that  
10 are sixty-two percent (62%) higher from last winter and heating  
11 oil costs up thirty-eight percent (38%); and

12 WHEREAS, many Mississippians, particularly those on fixed  
13 incomes, have found themselves in need of help in paying their  
14 excessively high heating and utility bills during this significant  
15 crisis; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to the undue hardship being placed on  
17 residential gas consumers, skyrocketing heating bills and energy  
18 prices have a significant impact on the entire economy; and

19 WHEREAS, soaring energy bills are eating deeply into the  
20 budgets of schools, hospitals, churches and homeless shelters  
21 across the state, which entities cannot raise the prices on their  
22 products or services to make up for the higher energy costs:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
25 THEREIN, That the Legislature does hereby urge the Mississippi  
26 Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough investigation into  
27 the rising cost of gas and other energy sources and to identify

28 the basis for the significant increases faced by residential and  
29 commercial consumers throughout the state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
31 furnished to the Mississippi Public Service Commission and the  
32 Capitol Press Corps.