A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE TO
STUDY CRIMINAL CODE REFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that a study is
needed for criminal code reform, classification of crimes and
sentencing terms:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
there is hereby created a special joint study committee to study
criminal code reform, classification of crimes and sentencing
terms, and make recommendations concerning any changes that such
committee finds necessary. The joint committee shall be composed
of the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Chairman of
the Senate Corrections Committee, three (3) members of the Senate
to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, Chairman of the House
Judiciary Committee En Banc, Chairman of the House Penitentiary
Committee, and three (3) members of the House of Representatives
to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The chairman of the
joint committee shall be the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary
Committee and the vice chairman shall be the Chairman of the House
Judiciary Committee En Banc.

Within fifteen (15) days after sine die adjournment of the
2001 Regular Session of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor
and the Speaker shall appoint the members of the committee. After
the members are appointed, the joint committee shall meet on a
date designated by the chairman of the joint committee in Jackson,
Mississippi, to organize the committee and establish rules for
transacting its business and keeping records. A majority of the
members of the joint committee from each house shall constitute a
quorum at all committee meetings. An affirmative vote of a
majority of the members from each house shall be required in the
adoption of rules, resolutions and reports. All members of the
joint committee shall be notified in writing of all regular and
special meetings of the committee, which notices shall be mailed
at least five (5) days before the dates of the meetings.

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

The joint committee shall make a written report of its
findings and recommendations, and shall mail copies of the report
to each member of the Legislature not later than January 5, 2002.
Upon the filing of the written report, the joint committee shall
be dissolved.

In carrying out the provisions of this resolution, the joint
committee may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of
all departments, agencies, offices and institutions of the state,
including the state universities and the community and junior
colleges. In particular, the joint committee shall consult with
the criminal code reform study committee of The Mississippi Bar.

The joint committee may consult and seek advice from various
groups in the state in order to understand the effect of any
existing laws or any changes in law being considered by the
committee.

For attending meetings of the joint committee, each member
shall be paid from the contingent expense fund of the member's
respective house, per diem compensation in the amount authorized
by Section 25-3-69 and a mileage allowance and an expense
allowance in the amount authorized by Section 5-1-47. However, no
per diem compensation, mileage allowance or expense allowance
shall be paid for attending meetings of the joint committee while
the Legislature is in session, and no per diem compensation, 
mileage allowance or expense allowance shall be paid without prior 
approval of the proper committee in the member's respective house. 
All expenses incurred by and on behalf of the joint committee 
shall be paid from funds made available by the House Management 
Committee and the Senate Rules Committee from the contingent 
expense funds of the respective houses, from any funds 
appropriated for such purpose, and from any grants or 
contributions made to the committee for its purpose.