

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Kirby, King, Moffatt, To: Rules
White

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 525

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE ON A
2 STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE TO MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND INSURANCE
3 STANDARDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE
4 AND PRESCRIBE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES; TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN STATE
5 AGENCIES PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE STUDY COMMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
8 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

9 (1) There is hereby created the Study Committee on a
10 Statewide Building Code, "committee." The purpose of the
11 committee is:

12 (a) To establish minimum standards for construction to
13 respond to federal requirements for the Federal Emergency
14 Management Agency (FEMA) aid after a natural disaster such as a
15 tornado, hurricane, fire or earthquake;

16 (b) To address concerns from national insurers who are
17 not renewing property insurance because of a lack of building
18 standards in many areas of Mississippi; and

19 (c) To promote the health, safety and welfare of the
20 public.

21 (2) The Study Committee on a Statewide Building Code shall
22 consist of the following members:

23 (a) The Executive Director of the State Board of
24 Architecture;

25 (b) The Executive Director of the State Board of Public
26 Contractors;

27 (c) The Executive Director of the State Board of
28 Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.



29 (d) The Dean of the Mississippi State University School
30 of Architecture;

31 (e) The Dean of the Mississippi State University School
32 of Engineering;

33 (f) The Executive Director of the Bureau of Building,
34 Grounds and Real Property Management of the Department of Finance
35 and Administration;

36 (g) The State Fire Marshal;

37 (h) The Mississippi Commissioner of Insurance;

38 (i) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency
39 Management Agency;

40 (j) One (1) member of the Mississippi State Senate,
41 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

42 (k) One (1) member of the Mississippi House of
43 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
44 Representatives; and

45 (1) Two (2) citizen members, appointed by the Governor.

46 (3) The Executive Director of the State Board of
47 Architecture shall serve as the chairman of the study committee.

48 (4) Nonlegislative members shall serve without salary or per
49 diem compensation; however, all members shall be entitled to
50 actual travel expenses as provided for in Section 25-3-41.

51 Legislative members shall be entitled to per diem, expense
52 allowance and mileage as authorized for committee meetings when
53 the Legislature is not in session.

54 (5) The study committee shall develop a report to the
55 Legislature and the Governor to be delivered no later than
56 December 1, 2003. This report shall address at a minimum:

57 (a) A survey of other states to determine the types of
58 statewide building codes and enforcement systems which are in
59 place and which are successful;



60 (b) An investigation of existing model codes such as
61 the Standard Building Code, International Building Code and NFPA
62 life Safety Code to determine what is appropriate for Mississippi;

63 (c) A survey of the laws of other states and
64 jurisdictions, including professional standards of care for
65 architects, engineers, fabricators, contractors and builders,
66 regarding minimal construction standards;

67 (d) A determination of the capacity of existing
68 agencies, including municipal and county building officials, which
69 now handle administrative and enforcement issues, to administer a
70 statewide building code, or the necessity of creating new agencies
71 to administer such a code;

72 (e) A recommendation regarding permit fee structures or
73 other enforcement means that would offset implementation costs;

74 (f) A recommendation regarding the exemption of
75 successful established building codes in local jurisdictions; and

76 (g) Any recommended legislation to implement the
77 recommendations of the study committee.

78 (6) The chairman shall have the authority to request staff
79 support from any state agency enumerated in this resolution to
80 assist the task force in carrying out its responsibilities.

81 (7) Upon presentation of its final report, the study
82 committee shall be dissolved.

