

By: Senator(s) Dawkins, Williamson, Jackson (11th), Frazier, Butler, Harden, Thomas, Jordan, Simmons, Jackson (32nd) To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 527

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
2 MAKE MORE STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES.

3 WHEREAS, the federal child nutrition programs, including the
4 school lunch and breakfast programs, are important to the health
5 and education of the children of Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, the child nutrition programs must be reauthorized by
7 the Congress of the United States during the current fiscal year;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, reduced price school meals are offered, in
10 participating schools, to children with family income between 130%
11 of the poverty line and 185% of the poverty line; and

12 WHEREAS, many families in the reduced price income category
13 are finding it difficult to pay the reduced fee and, for some
14 families, the fee is an insurmountable barrier to participation;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women,
17 Infants and Children (WIC) provides free benefits to all
18 participants with family income below 185% of poverty; and

19 WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced by Senators Dole
20 (R-NC) and Roberts (R-KS) to phase-out the reduced price meal
21 program, harmonizing school meals with WIC:

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
23 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
24 the State of Mississippi supports reauthorization of all federal
25 child nutrition programs.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of Mississippi urges
27 the Congress of the United States to eliminate the reduced price

28 school meals programs, and to provide free meals for all children
29 with family incomes below 185% of poverty.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be sent to
31 the Mississippi congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., and
32 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.