

By: Representative Lott

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SENATORS
2 OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINEES TO
3 THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

4 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 of the United States
5 Constitution states the President "shall nominate, and by and with
6 the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors,
7 other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court,
8 and all other Officers of the United States"; and

9 WHEREAS, there is a high likelihood of at least one vacancy
10 on the United States Supreme Court during the 109th Congress; and

11 WHEREAS, there is a possibility of the need to elevate a
12 sitting justice on the United States Supreme Court to the position
13 of Chief Justice during the 109th Congress; and

14 WHEREAS, activist judges on some federal courts have
15 frustrated the constitutional structure which prescribes that laws
16 shall be written by elected legislatures; and

17 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has expressed his
18 commitment to appoint federal judges who will strictly interpret
19 the United States Constitution; and

20 WHEREAS, in the past, a minority of senators have used
21 dilatory tactics to prevent a Senate floor vote on several of
22 President George W. Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were
23 reported favorably by the United States Senate Committee on the
24 Judiciary:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
27 THEREIN, That the Mississippi Legislature requests our United

28 States Senators to move quickly to confirm all nominations by
29 President George W. Bush to the United States Supreme Court.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
31 furnished to Mississippi's Congressional Delegation and to the
32 members of the Capitol Press Corps.