

By: Representative Reeves

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
2 ESTABLISH A DOMESTIC ENERGY POLICY TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY
3 AND APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NATURAL GAS, PROMOTE GREATER
4 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND OPEN PROMISING NEW AREAS FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY
5 RESPONSIBLE NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION.

6 WHEREAS, the price of natural gas in the United States,
7 already the highest in the industrial world, has again spiked and
8 shows continued volatility; and

9 WHEREAS, the abnormally high natural gas prices have been an
10 one hundred-eleven billion dollar unanticipated burden on the
11 economy of the United States over the past eighteen months; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States is over reliant on natural gas in
13 our national energy supply, creating a tremendous imbalance
14 between natural gas supply and demand; and

15 WHEREAS, the manufacturers, farmers, small businesses, local
16 governments and retailers are struggling from skyrocketing natural
17 gas prices, which are threatening thousands of jobs in these
18 industries since many of these businesses use natural gas as a raw
19 material as well as an energy supply; and

20 WHEREAS, the natural gas imbalance is not a free market
21 problem, but the high price of natural gas is created by
22 governmental policies that increase demand for natural gas while
23 impeding the development of a greater supply by discouraging more
24 exploration and production; and

25 WHEREAS, since natural gas is domestically produced and very
26 difficult to import, the United States cannot correct the
27 imbalance by the importation of natural gas; and

28 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi supports a sound, rational,
29 domestic energy policy:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
32 THEREIN, That we do hereby urge the United States Congress to
33 enact legislation in the 109th Congress establishing a domestic
34 energy policy that will ensure an adequate supply of natural gas
35 and the appropriate infrastructure, acknowledging that such energy
36 policy should develop a concerted national effort to promote
37 greater energy efficiency and open promising new areas for
38 environmentally responsible natural gas production.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 transmitted to President George W. Bush, the President of the
41 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
42 Representatives, each member of the Mississippi Congressional
43 delegation and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.