

By: Representative Reeves

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73
(As Adopted by the House)

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, because of the current state of our nation, we are
7 reminded daily that America is now at the mercy of foreign oil
8 producing nations; and

9 WHEREAS, America's dependence on foreign oil directly
10 threatens our national security and our freedom; and

11 WHEREAS, the development of a domestic energy policy by
12 Congressional legislation enacting a National Energy Security Act
13 would reduce the United States' dependence on foreign countries
14 for more than fifty-six percent (56%) of our nation's energy
15 needs; and

16 WHEREAS, we should seek to reduce America's dependency on
17 foreign oil up to fifty percent (50%) by 2010, down from the
18 current fifty-six percent (56%), and much lower than the predicted
19 sixty-five percent (65%) dependency expected by 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, in seeking out measures to enhance the usage of
21 renewable energy resources including hydro, nuclear, coal, solar
22 and wind power, Congress should also seek to increase domestic
23 supplies of nonrenewable resources, like oil and natural gas; and

24 WHEREAS, without a national energy policy, millions of
25 Americans will continue to endure mandated power outages due to
26 the lack of a power infrastructure or find themselves faced with
27 larger power bills due to increased demand and limited production
28 of energy; and

29 WHEREAS, since natural gas is domestically produced and very
30 difficult to import, the United States must tap into the vast
31 resources we have so as to decrease the nation's level of
32 dependency on foreign energy and fueling resources; and

33 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi supports a sound, rational,
34 domestic energy policy:

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

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 transmitted to President George W. Bush, the President of the
46 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
47 Representatives, each member of the Mississippi Congressional
48 Delegation and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.