

By: Representative Reeves

To: Rules

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

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  
30 increased natural gas imports are longer term, the United States  
31 must tap into the vast resources we have so as to decrease the  
32 nation's level of dependency on foreign energy and fueling  
33 resources; and

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

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

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