

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

1 A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A
2 DOMESTIC ENERGY POLICY THAT WILL ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY AND THE
3 APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NATURAL GAS, PROMOTE GREATER ENERGY
4 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 a
10 \$111 Billion unanticipated burden on the economy of the United
11 States over the past 18 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. Further, thousands of jobs in these industries are
18 threatened, since many of these businesses use natural gas as a
19 raw material as well as an energy supply; and

20 WHEREAS, the natural gas imbalance is not a free market
21 problem. The high price of natural gas is created by governmental
22 policies that increase demand for natural gas while impeding the
23 development of a greater supply by discouraging more exploration
24 and production. Since natural gas is domestically produced and
25 very hard to import, the United States cannot correct the
26 imbalance by the importation of natural gas; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
30 MISSISSIPPI, That the Senate of the State of Mississippi hereby
31 urges the United States Congress to enact legislation in the 109th
32 Congress establishing a domestic energy policy that will ensure an
33 adequate supply of natural gas and the appropriate infrastructure.
34 Such energy policy should develop a concerted national effort to
35 promote greater energy efficiency, and open promising new areas
36 for environmentally responsible natural gas production.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
38 prepared and delivered to President George W. Bush, the President
39 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
40 House of Representatives, and each member of the Mississippi
41 congressional delegation.