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To: Agriculture

SENATE BILL NO. 2942
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE POTENTIAL OF
2 BIODIESEL FUEL IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a Study Committee on the
6 Potential Use of Biodiesel Fuel. The study committee shall study
7 the need for mandated use of biodiesel and the benefits accruing
8 to agriculture and the environment. The committee shall report to
9 the Legislature no later than January 2, 2007.

10 (2) The study committee shall consist of the following
11 members:

12 (a) The Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee
13 and one (1) member of the Senate appointed by the Chairman;

14 (b) The Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and
15 one (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
16 Chairman;

17 (c) One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi
18 Petroleum Marketers Association;

19 (d) One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi
20 Trucking Association;

21 (e) One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi Farm
22 Bureau Federation;

23 (f) One (1) member appointed by the Executive Director
24 of the Mississippi Development Authority; and

25 (g) One (1) member appointed by the Commissioner of
26 Agriculture and Commerce.

27 (3) (a) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days
28 of the effective date of this act.

29 (b) The Chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture
30 Committees shall serve as co-chairmen of the study committee.

31 (4) Legislative members shall be entitled to per diem,
32 expense allowance and mileage as authorized for committee meetings
33 when the Legislature is not in session.

34 (5) Any department, division, board, bureau, commission or
35 agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof shall, at
36 the request of the co-chairmen of the study committee, provide
37 such assistance that will enable the study committee to properly
38 carry out its duties.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2006.