

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 511

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE CONGRESS TO ASSIST THE
2 STATES IN RESPONDING TO THE OVERWHELMING PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL
3 IMMIGRATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 WHEREAS, federal jobs policy and immigrations laws and
5 proposals are leading America on a path to destruction; and

6 WHEREAS, our borders are porous, with no political will to
7 control the borders; and

8 WHEREAS, the Border Patrol apprehends 400,000 illegal aliens
9 per year, which is only 20-35% of the numbers thought to be
10 illegally entering the country every year; and

11 WHEREAS, the amnesty granted to 3.5 million illegal aliens
12 during President Reagan's administration in 1986 only intensified
13 unlawful entry into the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, without border control, President Bush's plan will
15 again encourage massive waves of illegal immigrants waiting on
16 another amnesty plan while multiplying the unemployment and
17 displacement of United States workers; and

18 WHEREAS, American workers have no bargaining power to improve
19 their working conditions and pay when an employer can exploit an
20 unlimited supply of foreign workers; and

21 WHEREAS, our population is exploding because of immigration
22 and will grow dramatically in the next 50 years, according to
23 United States Census Bureau estimates, from the current total of
24 288 million to 400 million by the year 2050; manufacturing and
25 high-tech jobs are being exported to foreign nations at the same
26 time as we open our borders to the unemployed and uneducated from
27 those same countries; and

28 WHEREAS, these policies and lack of action have displaced
29 more than 900,000 American workers, with thousands more jobs
30 having been outsourced to foreign countries; and

31 WHEREAS, in Mississippi there is an estimated population of
32 over 30,000 illegal aliens, while over 93,000 of our citizens are
33 not employed; and

34 WHEREAS, Mississippi's unemployment rate is 6.7% with 500,000
35 people living below the federal poverty level; and

36 WHEREAS, nationally and statewide, illegal aliens are
37 displacing American workers by accepting lower wages; legal
38 workers make 11% less when in competition with illegal workers;
39 and

40 WHEREAS, our unemployed workers, those Mississippians who
41 cannot find work, along with unemployed illegal aliens, greatly
42 increase the welfare rolls, placing an additional burden on our
43 taxpayers; over one-third of Mississippians, or 900,000 people,
44 are on Medicaid; approximately 50% receive some sort of public
45 assistance; and

46 WHEREAS, the trend of referring to the illegals as
47 "undocumented workers" camouflages the fact that these people have
48 committed a felony by illegally entering our country, and
49 disguises the fact that a large percentage of the "willing
50 workers" actually constitute only a liability to our corrections,
51 welfare and health care systems; and

52 WHEREAS, 70% of Americans are in favor of strictly enforcing
53 our current laws concerning illegal immigration:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
56 we do hereby memorialize Congress to come to the aid of the states
57 in dealing with the 8 million illegal aliens currently in this
58 country.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress is urged to defeat
60 legislation that shifts federal enforcement costs to the states,

61 or that imposes sanctions, provides inadequate training, preempts
62 state statutes, or jeopardizes state and local law enforcement
63 crime investigations.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 transmitted to the Mississippi congressional delegation.