

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 570

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL  
2 DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO  
3 SUPPORTING AND PASSING THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL FIRST.

4 WHEREAS, the security of our nation and people is the first  
5 and foremost obligation of the United States federal government;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the men and women of our United States Armed Forces  
8 now serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast  
9 Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard and Reserves have shown  
10 great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with  
11 the best weapons and resources to protect our nation; and

12 WHEREAS, in past years politicians have delayed passing the  
13 Defense Appropriations Bill until late in the budget year so that  
14 the Defense Appropriations Bill was misused as a dumping ground  
15 for pork barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork barrel  
16 spending in other appropriations bills; and

17 WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September  
18 11, 2001, on America, President Bush asked that the Congress of  
19 the United States pass the Defense Appropriations Bill before  
20 passing other spending bills; and

21 WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the 2002, 2003, 2004  
22 and 2005 budgets when it passed the Defense Appropriations Bill  
23 first, thereby protecting the men and women in our armed forces  
24 from becoming pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
26 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
27 the Legislature of the State of Mississippi commends Congress for

28 making our nation's defense its first priority in 2002, 2003, 2004  
29 and 2005 and requests that the Representatives and Senators from  
30 our state continue this important tradition by passing and  
31 enacting the Defense Appropriations Legislation before all other  
32 spending bills in 2006 and in future years.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
34 transmitted to the State of Mississippi's Congressional Delegation  
35 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.