

By: Representative Franks

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION URGING THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES TO ADOPT A POLICY TO PUBLISH ON THE INTERNET ALL  
3 ROLL CALL VOTES TAKEN BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives is a public  
5 body that seeks to make its public records easily accessible to  
6 the citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, the members of the House have observed the increased  
8 use of the Internet by our electorate to obtain information, to  
9 communicate with others, and to access electronic records by means  
10 of computers; and

11 WHEREAS, at the present time, immediate publication of the  
12 roll call votes of House members on the various measures and  
13 questions that the House considers is limited to paper copies of  
14 such roll call votes available in the Clerk's Office, with final  
15 publication later in the official House Journal; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of the House seek to make decisions that  
17 will best benefit the citizens of our respective districts and the  
18 entire state, and the publication of roll call votes on the  
19 Internet will benefit our citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, the Rules of the House of Representatives provide  
21 that the House Management Committee shall conduct the business  
22 affairs of the House and shall continually assess ways to improve  
23 the organization and procedures of the House:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
26 urge the House Management Committee to adopt a policy that all  
27 roll call votes taken in the House of Representatives shall be

28 published on the Internet, starting with the 2007 Regular Session,  
29 and to direct the Clerk to take the necessary actions to  
30 effectuate that policy.