

By: Senator(s) Lee (35th)

To: Rules

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 506

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND
2 CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE "25 X 25" GOAL PROMOTING
3 AGRICULTURAL-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY.

4 WHEREAS, having an affordable, reliable and plentiful energy
5 supply is crucial to our economy, as well as our national and
6 international food supply; and

7 WHEREAS, current and future risks to United States energy
8 security are mounting, while domestic and global energy demands
9 are escalating; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has tremendous renewable
11 energy resources; and

12 WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy resources,
13 including wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters,
14 ethanol and solar, benefits the environment and will have a direct
15 economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, agricultural communities and their partners will
18 experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional
19 markets for agricultural commodities, increasing farm income,
20 creating added-value uses for crops, livestock and their
21 byproducts, and creating new job opportunities; and

22 WHEREAS, American agriculture is well positioned to play an
23 expanded role in the development and implementation of new energy
24 solutions; and

25 WHEREAS, America's farms and ranches can become the factories
26 that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation's
27 energy needs; and

28 WHEREAS, "25 by 25" is an agriculturally led goal that
29 envisions America's farms and ranches producing 25% of America's
30 energy demand by the year 2025, while continuing to produce
31 abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber; and

32 WHEREAS, agriculture's role as an energy producer will have a
33 positive effect on national security and trade imbalances, and
34 will serve as a catalyst for rural development in the State of
35 Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we, the members of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi,
39 support and endorse the goal of "25 x 25" whereby agriculture will
40 provide 25% of the total energy consumed in the United States by
41 the year 2025, while continuing to produce abundant, safe and
42 affordable food and fiber.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature memorializes the
44 President and Congress of the United States to support the "25 x
45 25" goal promoting the use of agricultural-based renewable energy.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of
47 Mississippi is directed to send copies of this resolution to
48 President George W. Bush, the Secretary of the United States
49 Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,
50 the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, the
51 Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and each
52 member of the Mississippi congressional delegation.