

By: Senator(s) Lee (35th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 669

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
2 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATIVE PRAYER CAUCUS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS
3 ORGANIZATION.

4 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, its
5 citizens and inhabitants have drawn strength, hope and guidance
6 from prayer. From the very first Continental Congress through
7 every form of adversity and blessing, Americans have fallen to
8 their knees and implored God Almighty to protect their family and
9 to heal their land; and

10 WHEREAS, the freedom upon which America is founded affords
11 the right to any individual to decline to pray if he or she
12 desires. However, that same freedom allows those who believe in
13 the power of prayer to utilize that great opportunity to ask God
14 to bless and sustain our nation; and

15 WHEREAS, that freedom is not diminished merely because one is
16 elected to public office. Quite the contrary, the cloak of
17 authority placed upon the shoulders of a public servant should be
18 an inspiration for those who believe in the power of prayer to use
19 that great power to ask God to bless and sustain the nation they
20 love and serve; and

21 WHEREAS, in early 2005, a small group of members of the
22 United States House of Representatives began meeting in Room 219
23 of the United States Capitol to pray for our nation. The intent
24 of this meeting was derived from the humble sincerity of their
25 belief that God could heal the United States of America. Soon
26 thereafter, these members formed the Congressional Prayer Caucus,



27 which is a nonpartisan caucus with the purpose of seeking God's
28 wisdom, direction and blessing for our country; and

29 WHEREAS, in order to encourage, train and support legislative
30 leaders in every field who believe in the power of prayer, and to
31 highlight the vital role that prayer and Judeo-Christian
32 principles have played in the history of our nation and our state
33 in strengthening the fabric of our society, at all times
34 consistent with the progress of our state and with the well-being
35 of our fellow Mississippians:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi on behalf of
39 the Mississippi Senate and the Speaker of the House of
40 Representatives on behalf of the members of the House, jointly,
41 are authorized to establish and organize a Mississippi Legislative
42 Prayer Caucus, under the following conditions:

43 (1) The purpose of the Mississippi Legislative Prayer Caucus
44 is to offer legislators a regular opportunity to join fellow
45 legislators in humbly asking for God's wisdom and blessing on our
46 country and the State of Mississippi.

47 (2) Any member of the Mississippi Senate or Mississippi
48 House of Representatives may become a member of the Mississippi
49 Legislative Prayer Caucus on a voluntary nonpartisan basis.
50 Membership application shall be made in writing and a member may
51 resign. There shall be no membership fee.

52 (3) There shall be a Chairman of the Mississippi Legislative
53 Prayer Caucus, which shall alternate between the Senate and House
54 on an annual basis. The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint the
55 first Chairman who shall serve until the beginning of the 2011
56 Regular Session, at which time the Speaker shall appoint the
57 second Chairman. The Caucus shall meet upon the call of the
58 Chairman.



59 (4) To the extent practicable, the meetings and business
60 affairs of the Mississippi Legislative Prayer Caucus shall be held
61 in the New Capitol Building in Jackson, Mississippi, but alternate
62 locations may be designated by the Chairman.

63 (5) The Mississippi Legislative Prayer Caucus is authorized
64 to coordinate its programs and meetings with programs and meetings
65 of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted
67 to the Congressional Prayer Caucus and be made available to the
68 Capitol Press Corps.

