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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT  
2 LEGISLATION TO INCLUDE AIRGUNS AND AIRBOWS WITH OTHER METHODS OF  
3 TAKE AS ITEMS TAXED THROUGH THE FEDERAL WILDLIFE RESTORATION  
4 PROGRAM (PITTMAN-ROBERTSON ACT).

5 WHEREAS, an airgun propels projectiles by means of compressed  
6 air or other gas, rather than using an explosive charge like a  
7 traditional firearm. Regulations surrounding the use of airguns  
8 vary significantly from state to state. Based on airgun  
9 technology, the arrow shooting airgun - a hybrid hunting product  
10 that uses compressed air to fire an arrow - has now been  
11 developed. Today's airguns, and now the arrow shooting airgun,  
12 demonstrate a striking advancement in this technology beyond the  
13 BB and pellet guns of yesterday; and

14 WHEREAS, the federal Pittman-Robertson Act directs excise  
15 taxes on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment to be used for  
16 wildlife conservation purposes. To date, this important piece of  
17 legislation has contributed nearly \$11.5 billion to wildlife  
18 conservation since enactment in 1937. The Congressional  
19 Sportsmen's Foundation, Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus Members



20 and sportsmen's conservation partners are working to ensure the  
21 future of this important system of wildlife conservation funding;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the cleanest solution to this issue would be for the  
24 federal government to include airguns and airbows alongside other  
25 methods of take as items taxed through the Wildlife Restoration  
26 Program (Pittman-Robertson), which would require a change in  
27 federal tax statute:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
29 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby urge the United States Congress to  
30 enact legislation to include airguns and airbows with other  
31 methods of take as items taxed through the Federal Wildlife  
32 Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson Act).

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted  
34 by the Secretary of State to members of Mississippi's  
35 congressional delegation and to the United States Fish and  
36 Wildlife Service (USFWS), and made available to the Capitol Press  
37 Corps.

