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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SENATORS OF THE
2 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT A FLOOR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT BUSH'S
3 JUDICIAL NOMINEES.

4 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 of the United States
5 Constitution states the President "shall nominate, and by and with
6 the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors,
7 other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court,
8 and all other officers of the United States"; and

9 WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the United States
10 Courts has classified 22 judgeships as "judicial emergencies"; and

11 WHEREAS, forty-three of President George W. Bush's judicial
12 nominees are pending before the United States Senate; and

13 WHEREAS, sixty-three percent of President Bush's Court of
14 Appeals nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial
15 emergencies; and

16 WHEREAS, forty-two percent of President Bush's district court
17 nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial
18 emergencies; and

19 WHEREAS, a minority of senators have used dilatory tactics to
20 prevent a Senate floor vote on six of President Bush's judicial
21 nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the Committee on
22 the Judiciary; and

23 WHEREAS, each of President Bush's judicial nominees reported
24 favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary enjoys the support of
25 a majority of the United States Senate, as is required by the
26 United States Constitution:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That the House of
29 Representatives requests that our United States senators to work
30 to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United States Senate on
31 all judicial nominations.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
33 furnished to Mississippi's Congressional Delegation and to the
34 members of the Capitol Press Corps.