

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 527

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL  
2 DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO END THE ABUSE OF TORT  
3 LAW AGAINST THE FIREARMS INDUSTRY.

4 WHEREAS, citizens have a right, protected by the Second  
5 Amendment to the United States Constitution, to keep and bear  
6 arms; and

7 WHEREAS, lawsuits have been commenced against manufacturers,  
8 distributors, dealers and importers of firearms that operate as  
9 designed and intended, which seek money damages and other relief  
10 for the harm caused by the misuse of firearms by third parties,  
11 including criminals; and

12 WHEREAS, the manufacture, importation, possession, sale and  
13 use of firearms and ammunition in the United States are heavily  
14 regulated by federal, state and local laws including the Gun  
15 Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act and the Arms Export  
16 Control Act; and

17 WHEREAS, businesses in the United States that are engaged in  
18 interstate and foreign commerce through the lawful design,  
19 manufacture, marketing, distribution, importation or sale to the  
20 public of firearms or ammunition that has been shipped or  
21 transported in interstate or foreign commerce are not and should  
22 not, be liable for the harm caused by those who criminally or  
23 unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that  
24 function as designed and intended; and

25 WHEREAS, thirty-three states have passed legislation  
26 protecting firearms and ammunition manufacturers and legislation  
27 in Congress supporting this measure has broad bipartisan support:

28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
29   MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
30   we hereby request our elected Representatives and Senators in the  
31   United States Congress to end the abuse of tort laws against the  
32   firearms industry.

33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be sent to  
34   the Mississippi congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., and  
35   be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.