

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Butler, Jackson
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 584

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
2 ADDRESS THE FEDERAL AND STATE RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING GLOBAL
3 CLIMATE CHANGE.

4 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and
5 the National Academy of Sciences found that the continued buildup
6 of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere adversely impacts the global
7 climate; and

8 WHEREAS, the greenhouse gas emissions of developing countries
9 are rising more rapidly than the emissions of the United States
10 and have surpassed the greenhouse gas emissions of the United
11 States and other developed countries; and

12 WHEREAS, Mississippi accounts for only 0.18% of total global
13 greenhouse gas emissions; and

14 WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
15 not eliminate American jobs and diminish the ability of American
16 industry to compete in the global marketplace; and

17 WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
18 not add to the already high costs of power and gasoline; and

19 WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
20 reward, and not punish, early adopters of energy efficient
21 technologies and practices; and

22 WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must
23 adopt an international component to prevent "emissions leakage"
24 and ensure that emissions do not simply migrate to another state
25 or nation; and



26 WHEREAS, the only manner to quantify these emissions is
27 through a domestic and international greenhouse gas emissions
28 registry that is uniform, transparent and verifiable; and

29 WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gases must ensure
30 that the adopted regime does not result in the off-shoring of
31 international trade sensitive industries; and

32 WHEREAS, Mississippi has already lost 50,600 manufacturing
33 jobs since 2000; and

34 WHEREAS, manufacturing accounts for \$12.6 Billion of
35 Mississippi's Gross State Product, the number one contributor to
36 the state's economy; and

37 WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emission must
38 ensure the availability of sufficient, affordable energy,
39 including clean energy, before restricting emissions in a manner
40 that could reduce the volume of energy available to consumers; and

41 WHEREAS, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emission must
42 provide credits or allowances to support operations, such as
43 recycling, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
46 we do hereby urge the United States Congress to address the
47 federal and state responsibility regarding global climate change
48 and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases in order to:

- 49 (a) Safeguard American jobs;
- 50 (b) Ensure affordable energy for American citizens and
51 industry;
- 52 (c) Offer incentives for efficient practices and
53 technologies;
- 54 (d) Prevent "emissions leakage"; and
- 55 (e) Maintain the global competitiveness of American
56 industry.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted
58 to the President of the United States, members of Mississippi's



59 congressional delegation, the United States Department of Energy
60 and the Governor, and be made available to the Capitol Press
61 Corps.

