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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the President Pro Tem and Co-Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of thirty-six members, one-half from the Senate and one-half from the House to cooperate in making all necessary plans and arrangements for the participation of the General Assembly in the inauguration of the executive officials of the State of Missouri on January 8, 2001; and that the joint committee is authorized to expend the necessary amount in making such plans and arrangements; with expenses to be paid from the joint contingent fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration Committee of the Senate and the Accounts Committee of the House of Representatives audit, allow and pay the expenses of the legislative participation of the inauguration and that the joint committee be authorized to cooperate with any other committees, officials or persons planning and executing the inaugural ceremonies keeping with the traditions of the great State of Missouri.

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3**

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1804, at the request of President Thomas Jefferson, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out on an amazing expedition across the Louisiana Territory to explore the country west of the Mississippi by following the Missouri River to its headwaters in order to discover a water route to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, Lewis and Clark faced unknown people, harsh conditions and unexplored lands to secure a place in history as two of the world's greatest explorers; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Expedition was successful in not only discovering a westward river route to the Pacific, but also in mapping the new territory and describing previously unknown plant and animal life; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the expedition, claims were established to Oregon, Washington and Idaho, our knowledge of the land west of the Mississippi was greatly expanded and new opportunities were provided for settlement and trade along the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition is approaching with towns along the expedition route planning festivals, parties and commemorations of the explorers that helped to shape their history:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby request the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a model curriculum for public school instruction concerning the Lewis and Clark Expedition which includes age-appropriate content for elementary and secondary grade levels and hereby request all school districts to include age-appropriate curriculum and instruction regarding the

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Lewis and Clark Expedition, to include material on Sacajawea and York, in regular courses of instruction beginning with the 2002-2003 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Commissioner of Education and the President of the State Board of Education.

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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6**

Establishes April 6th of each year as Tartan Day in Missouri.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, from which the American Declaration of Independence was modeled, was signed on April 6, 1320; and

WHEREAS, Scottish Americans played a major role in the founding of this Nation, almost half of the signers of our Declaration of Independence and the governors of nine of the original 13 states were of Scottish descent; and

WHEREAS, Scottish Americans helped shape this nation in its formative years, guided it through troubled times, and have made invaluable contributions to America in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government and many other areas; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Missouri General Assembly wish to salute to all Americans of Scottish descent as they celebrate their heritage:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby declare April 6th of each year as Tartan Day in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for St. Andrews Society of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate shall submit this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Constitution of Missouri.

Approved July 13, 2001

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10**

WHEREAS, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives in the 106th Congress, including the entire Missouri delegation to Congress; and

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WHEREAS, more than 83 United States Senators, including both Missouri Senator Kit Bond and then Missouri Senator John Ashcroft, signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the bill now before the 107th Congress modernizes the Railroad Retirement System for its 690,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 23,100 in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, railroad management, labor and retiree organizations have agreed to support this legislation; and

WHEREAS, this legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak and commuter lines; and

WHEREAS, this legislation provides benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail workers, who currently suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

WHEREAS, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation; and

WHEREAS, all changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Missouri Senate, Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the United States Congress are urged to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act in the 107th Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and all Missouri members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13**

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has recommended that the United States Army Corps of Engineers implement the so-called "spring rise-split season" plan for operation of the Missouri River mainstem reservoir system. This plan would result in an increase in the flow of the Missouri River in the spring and a reduction of the flow in the summer of each year, purportedly to improve habitat for the threatened and endangered pallid sturgeon, least tern and piping plover; and

WHEREAS, additional changes under consideration by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to the Missouri River Master Manual would result in the storage of more water in the upstream reservoirs while decreasing the amount of water available downstream for designated uses. These changes would shorten the navigation season on the Missouri River by twentyseven days in November and put at risk Mississippi River navigation as well; and

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WHEREAS, analysis of the proposed changes by the state of Missouri and the United States Army Corps of Engineers has indicated these changes will fail to improve and will potentially diminish habitat for the species in question, will increase the risk of flooding along the Missouri River, and will result in a decrease in river levels in early summer and fall which will impact navigation and other designated uses on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers; and

WHEREAS, habitat restoration along the lower Mississippi River has demonstrated great success in aiding the recovery of these species and a similar approach should be given the opportunity to succeed on the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, these plans have the potential for severe impact on any industry which uses the Missouri River or Mississippi River to transport products and the potential to increase risk of flooding in river communities and on farm land in the Missouri and lower Mississippi River basins; and

WHEREAS, these proposals do not adequately address the concerns and needs of states in the lower Missouri and Mississippi River basin, and will not realize the purported benefit of increasing habitat for endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri departments of natural resources, conservation and transportation have opposed these plans and have informed the Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Army Corps of Engineers of their concerns regarding the potential impact on the state's river communities, lands, businesses and wildlife habitat:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the Governor to protest against any proposals that would so negatively impact beneficial uses of the lower Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and would not significantly improve conditions for the species of concern; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the General Assembly urge the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Transportation to continue to insist that any plan involving the operations of the Missouri River improve the Missouri River for all beneficial uses and be sure any river management changes are based on sound science; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Governor of Missouri, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, the Director of the Department of Conservation and the Director of the Department of Transportation.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14**

WHEREAS, growing numbers of underinsured Missourians, an increasingly price-driven health care marketplace, and continued growth in enrollment of Medicaid beneficiaries are having critical implications for the future soundness of Missouri's health care safety net that serves a large portion of low-income and uninsured Missourians; and

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WHEREAS, despite the nation's robust economy, certain populations in the state of Missouri continue to remain outside the medical and economic mainstream, having little or no access to stable health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, these populations include uninsured citizens of Missouri, low-income underinsured individuals, Medicaid beneficiaries, and patients with special health care needs who rely on safety providers for their care; and

WHEREAS, institutions and physicians in the state of Missouri that have a high level of demonstrated commitment to caring for the uninsured and underserved patients of Missouri are experiencing serious financial problems due to that commitment; and

WHEREAS, these providers in the state include ConnectCare in St. Louis, Truman Medical Centers in Kansas City and University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia, the only state-owned acute care facility serving the state's rural population, comprise Missouri's health care safety net; and

WHEREAS, the number of financially vulnerable people in the state is growing, the direct and indirect subsidies that have helped finance uncompensated care are eroding, and the rapid growth of Medicaid managed care are having significant adverse effects:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Missouri Senate, Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby establish a Joint Interim Committee on Health Care to study the current funding system for safety net providers and develop legislative and budgetary policy that will ensure appropriate compensation as well as preserve the long-term viability of Missouri's safety net providers in recognition of the critical contribution these health care programs have made to the welfare of Missouri's citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee shall be composed of five members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and five members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee prepare a report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action it deems necessary for submission to the General Assembly prior to the commencement of the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-first General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Research, the Committee on Legislative Research, and House Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical and bill drafting services as the committee may require in the performance of its duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual and necessary expenses of the committee, its members and any staff personnel assigned to the committee incurred in attending meetings of the committee or any subcommittee thereof shall be paid from the Joint Contingent Fund.

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#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

WHEREAS, the members of the Missouri Senate recognize the problems our nation's military personnel experience to exercise their right to vote; and

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WHEREAS, for those military personnel living overseas, timely notice of elections back home can be problematic for both those on active duty and their families; and

WHEREAS, as reports from Florida indicate, many military personnel are unable to return their ballots to local election authorities in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, it is unconscionable that we would disenfranchise the very individuals who put their lives on the line to protect our democratic right to vote:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missouri Senate, Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, unanimously recommend to the United States Congress that it review challenges faced by our military personnel and enact a comprehensive Military Voting Rights Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the members of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

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#### **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18**

WHEREAS, telecommunications services and energy services and sources are vital to the economic vitality and well-being of the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, attempts across the nation to deregulate telecommunications services and energy services and sources have met with both success and failure in the effort to create competitive markets and make available new services and customer choices; and

WHEREAS, the state and political subdivisions have imposed taxes, fees and other assessments on various telecommunications and energy services which vary widely based on locality and, within a locality, may vary widely due to increasingly related and competitive services, such as telephone and cable television; and

WHEREAS, the current nationwide effort to establish competition in the production, distribution and sale of energy, including electricity, natural gas and other energy sources has potential benefits and adverse effects on energy producers, distributors, retailers, customers and the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, ensuring adequate and affordable telecommunications services and energy services and sources necessitate a fair and equitable tax structure across different telecommunications and energy services and across different regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, the issue of whether governmental entities should expend public resources to compete with private telecommunications and energy entities should be explored; and

WHEREAS, a Joint Interim Committee on Telecommunications and Energy has studied the above-mentioned issues during the tenure of the Ninetieth General Assembly and recommends that a similar study committee be established to continue the study during the tenure of the Ninety-first General Assembly:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that a joint legislative committee on Telecommunications and Energy be created to be composed of seven members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and seven members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and that said committee be authorized to function throughout the Ninety-first General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee continue and expand the in-depth studies conducted by prior Joint Interim Committees on Telecommunications and Energy and make appropriate recommendations concerning financial, legal, social, taxation, environmental, technological and economic issues of telecommunications, cable television, all Internet services, including asymmetrical digital subscriber lines (ADSL) and service via cable lines, and energy services taxation, competition between governmental entities and private telecommunication entities, and any other issues the committee deems relevant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee continue and expand the in-depth studies conducted by prior Joint Interim Committees on Telecommunications and Energy and make appropriate recommendations concerning financial, legal, social, taxation, environmental, technological and economic issues of deregulation and increasing competition in energy production, distribution and sale, including consideration of the effects on residential customers, small and large business customers, utility shareholders and other stakeholders, and any other issues the committee deems relevant; with such studies to specifically include an analysis of (i) the existing and projected demands in this state for electric power and energy over the next ten years, and the basis for determining the projected demand; (ii) the adequacy and reliability of available and planned electric generation to serve the needs of customers in this state; (iii) permitting retail customers having load at a single premises in excess of 1 or 2 MW to utilize alternative sources of supply without adversely affecting state and municipal tax revenues; (iv) the adequacy and availability of available and planned transmission facilities used to transfer electricity into and within the state; and (v) incentives that would encourage the ongoing investment needed to ensure adequate generation and transmission capacity within the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee prepare an interim report, which must at a minimum include a detailed summary of the committee's analysis of the adequacy and reliability of available and planned electric generation and transmission capacity to serve the projected needs of customers in this state currently and over the next ten years and incentives for ongoing investment and allowing retail customers having load at a single premises in excess of 1 or 2 MW to utilize alternative sources of supply without adversely affecting state and municipal tax revenues, together with its recommendations for any legislative action it deems necessary for submission to the General Assembly prior to the commencement of the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-first General Assembly but in any event no later than December 1, 2001, and a final report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action it deems necessary for submission to the General Assembly prior to the commencement of the First Regular Session of the Ninety-second General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee may solicit any input and information necessary to fulfill its obligations from the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Department of Economic Development, the Division of Energy within the Department of Natural Resources, the Office of Public Counsel, political subdivisions of this state, telecommunications and energy service providers, energy utilities and representatives of all telecommunications and energy customer groups; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Research, the Committee on Legislative Research, and Senate Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical and bill drafting services as the committee may require in the performance of its duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual and necessary expenses of the committee, its members and any staff personnel assigned to the committee incurred in attending meetings of the committee or any subcommittee thereof shall be paid from the Joint Contingent Fund.

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#### **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20**

WHEREAS, the trucking industry is a major part of the Missouri economy with considerable interest in highway safety in our state; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry employs thousands of commercial truck drivers that necessitates criminal background checks to insure that its drivers are responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System provides access to only criminal background information on criminal records in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the National Crime Information Center under the Federal Bureau of Investigation is only available to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby recognize the need for the trucking industry to have access to such information in the interest of insuring that its drivers are responsible citizens and thus promoting safety on our highways and urges the United States Department of Justice to provide access to such information to the trucking industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Missouri General Assembly urges the United States Congress to enact legislation to cause information contained in the National Online Information Center to be accessible to the trucking industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate prepare property inscribed copies to each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation and the United States Department of Justice.

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#### **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22**

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Missouri Committee on Legislative Research shall prepare and cause to be collated, indexed, printed and bound all acts and resolutions of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, and shall examine the printed copies and compare them with and correct the same by the original rolls, together with an attestation under the hand of the Revisor of Statutes that he has compared the same with the original rolls in his office and has corrected the same thereby; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the size and quality of the paper and binding shall be substantially the same used in prior session laws and the size and style of type shall be determined by the Revisor of Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee on Legislative Research is authorized to print and bind copies of the acts and resolutions of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, with appropriate indexing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Revisor of Statutes is authorized to determine the number of copies to be printed.

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### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

WHEREAS, the current crisis in the domestic steel industry which began in 1997 has led fourteen steel companies to file for bankruptcy, and now led to the bankruptcy of GS Industries and the announced closure of GST Steel in Kansas City which will cause job losses at GST and for vendors around the state resulting in hardship in those communities across the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, this crisis has been generated by surges in United States imports of steel, both from countries whose currencies have depreciated and from steel producing countries that are no longer able to export steel to the countries in economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, foreign government trade restrictions and private restraints of trade distort international trade and investment patterns and result in burdens on United States commerce, including absorption of a disproportionate share of diverted steel trade, which ultimately have a detrimental effect on this state's economy; and

WHEREAS, there is a well-recognized need for improvements in the enforcement of United States trade laws to provide an effective response to these situations:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby requests the President of the United States to commence immediate action to determine the entry into the customs territory of the United States of all steel products that are the product of or manufactured in Australia, China, South Africa, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, Mexico or Brazil to determine whether the governments of those countries are abiding by the spirit and letter of international trade agreements with respect to imports of steel products into the United States, and take all actions necessary to enforce applicable trade agreements and laws of the United States pertaining to steel imports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri General Assembly requests the President of the United States to immediately impose a one-year ban on imports of all steel products of or are manufactured in Australia, China, South Africa, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, Mexico or Brazil if the President finds that the governments of those countries are not abiding by the spirit and letter of international trade agreements with respect to imports of steel products into the United States; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States and the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26**

WHEREAS, providing public education is the primary duty of the state after paying state debts, as provided pursuant to Article III, Section 36 of the Missouri Constitution; and

WHEREAS, public school buildings in Missouri have historically been funded mainly by local funds; and

WHEREAS, the ability of school districts to pay for buildings, as measured by a district's assessed value per pupil, varies by a factor of roughly seventeen between the wealthiest and least wealthy district in this state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recently conducted a comprehensive review of school district building needs and found the existing statewide need for new construction and renovation to be in excess of four billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, public education is a labor intensive operation with roughly three-fourths of operating cost supporting salaries and benefits of staff, and most of those salaries being paid to certificated teachers; and

WHEREAS, state school operating aid has increased significantly since the passage of SB 380 in 1993; and

WHEREAS, state minimum salary requirements for teachers have not been increased to keep up with increases in the cost of living; and

WHEREAS, state cost to fully fund state school aid continues to increase significantly each year and requires funds which create hardships for other sectors of society needing access to state funds; and

WHEREAS, the adequacy and equity of funding available to public schools has again become a serious concern across the state, highlighted by the wide range of available operating funding for Missouri school districts, which ranges from \$3500 per pupil to over \$11,000 per pupil:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that a joint interim committee on education be created to be composed of seven members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and seven members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee conduct an in-depth study concerning all issues relating to funding for school buildings and building renovation, teachers' salaries,

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equity and adequacy of distribution of state school aid and overall funding levels for schools and any other education-related issues the committee deems relevant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee conduct an in depth review of funding sources for public education that could serve as a replacement for the property tax; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee prepare a report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action it deems necessary for submission to the General Assembly prior to the commencement of the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-first General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee may solicit any input and information necessary to fulfill its obligations from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the State Board of Education, the Department of Higher Education, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, the State Tax Commission, all school districts and other political subdivisions of this state, teachers and teacher groups, business and other commercial interests and any other interested persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Research, the Committee on Legislative Research, and Senate Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical and bill drafting services as the committee may require in the performance of its duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual and necessary expenses of the committee, its members and any staff personnel assigned to the committee incurred in attending meetings of the committee or any subcommittee thereof shall be paid from the Joint Contingent Fund and the committee shall prepare a report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action it deems necessary for submission to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15, 2002. The committee shall be authorized to function until January 15, 2002.

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#### **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Missouri, as an employer, to recruit and retain a high performance workforce; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has established a benefits policy that encourages employees to continue in state employment with a career goal of 30 years of state service; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has adopted specific benefit incentives associated with achieving this objective, which include:

- a) Creating a comprehensive benefits package that is externally competitive with the marketplace, and that is internally equitable;
  - b) Implementing a benefits package that provides employees with options for meeting their individual and family needs, and yet assures that basic levels of health care coverage will be maintained;
  - c) Ensuring equitable employer contributions for health care coverage for all state employees, retirees and dependents that assures high quality care in a cost-effective manner; and
  - d) Allowing career state employees to maintain a reasonable standard of living at retirement; and
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WHEREAS, achieving benefit equity and adequacy in the retiree health care area necessitates a subsidy which is dependent upon the length of state service rendered by former employees; and

WHEREAS, such state subsidy for retiree medical coverage would ensure that quality health care services are available to both the highest and lowest paid former employees:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Missouri Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the State of Missouri hereby wishes to reward employees who make a career of state service through equitable retiree health care subsidies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, within the constraints of the available appropriations, the state contribution for medical coverage for retirees should be based upon a formula that has a direct relationship between the amount of the state subsidy and each retiree's length of service with the state, provided that any subsidy for retiree dependent coverage should be based upon a similar formula, but should not exceed the average state subsidy provided for dependents of active employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former state employees who retired prior to the effective date of this policy may receive a state subsidy, depending on Medicare eligibility and available appropriations, of no less than the dollar amount subsidy resulting from the amount appropriated to the plan for calendar year 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is recommended that the health care coverage for state retirees be based upon a service-based subsidy rate formula subject to available appropriations and is consistent with the goals that are established in the state's retirement plans.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28**

WHEREAS, recent high fuel prices have alerted us to the need to improve our nation's policies on fuel production and efficient use of energy; and

WHEREAS, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has recently suggested that they will reduce crude oil production again in an attempt to manipulate prices; and

WHEREAS, reductions in crude oil production have resulted in sharp increases in prices for natural gas, gasoline and home heating oil; and

WHEREAS, the United States has become dangerously dependent on foreign petroleum; and

WHEREAS, Missouri consumers are experiencing higher prices at the pump and in home heating costs and these high prices are negatively impacting their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the economic stability of many areas of the state which rely on tourism may be jeopardized if the number of persons traveling to Missouri's vacation destinations is significantly reduced due to increased gasoline prices; and

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WHEREAS, the trucking industry, heavily dependent on the availability and price of gasoline and diesel fuel, has been especially hard hit by the increase in fuel costs that have resulted in a significant increase in the transportation costs associated with the delivery of consumer goods throughout the state. Such an increase in cost to the trucking industry will inevitably be passed along to consumers as an increase in the price of consumer goods; and

WHEREAS, the increased petroleum fuel costs is particularly detrimental to Missouri family farmers because it comes at a time when overall market prices are low; and

WHEREAS, fuel prices could be reduced by increasing domestic production and encouraging the development of markets for products that can be used as the source material for renewable alternative fuels:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to actively address the issue of fuel prices and take immediate actions necessary to reduce our nation's dependency on foreign petroleum sources, boost our own economy, and increase energy efficiency by:

(1) Encouraging exploration for domestic petroleum sources in a manner that does not, based on established scientific principles, adversely impact the environment;

(2) Encouraging and creating incentives for fuel conservation measures that do not, based on established economic principles, harm the economy; and

(3) Encouraging and creating incentives for research, development and use of solar and other alternative fuel sources, including ethanol and other fuels made from renewable materials that would not only reduce our dependency on foreign petroleum, but also have the potential to improve environmental protection and boost local economies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Secretary Gale Norton of the United States Department of the Interior, Secretary Spencer Abraham of the United States Department of Energy, Secretary Ann M. Veneman of the United States Department of Agriculture, Administrator Christine Todd Whitman of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the White House Office of Management and Budget, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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### **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Missouri believe in the principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty are essential to providing the greatest amount of economic and political freedom for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, careful stewardship of our nation's precious natural resources is essential if future generations are to enjoy and prosper from them; and

WHEREAS, voluntary industry leadership in the private sector is the best method of productive and economically viable environmental stewardship of our land, forests, water and wild life; and

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WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes that voluntary forest product management and leadership by the private sector in sustaining forest resources is preferable to government imposed resource management mandates; and

WHEREAS, Americans have taken pride in their nations' rich bounty of natural resources, and careful stewardship of these precious assets is essential if future generations are to enjoy and benefit from them; and

WHEREAS, the forest products industry, an essential component of the nation's economy sustaining businesses, families, and rural communities since its founding, is comprised of more than 34,000 employees and 400,000 forest landowners; and

WHEREAS, close to one-third of the nation's land is forested, with 14 million acres in Missouri alone, the vital importance of the industry underscores the necessity for intelligent management of the over 736 million acres of America's forest land; and

WHEREAS, the forest products industry relies on forest resources to make this state one of the leading producers of wood flooring, staves, furniture, cabinetry, lumber, pallets, charcoal, and other wood products, and to meet society's increasing demand for wood and wood-related products important to our nation's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, America's forest products companies have made considerable capital improvements in recycling, and the industry nationally has voluntarily set a goal to recover 50% of the paper it produces; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's forest products industry, in recognition of its stewardship responsibilities in nurturing the forest resources, has pledged itself to the continuing principles of sustainable forestry by initiating the "Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program", a comprehensive program committed to responsible environmental stewardship of the forests, water resources and wild life; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program is to educate the public as to the importance of industry leadership in voluntarily protecting these valuable resources, and to promote and monitor the progress made toward this worthy goal; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Forest Products Association's members are actively demonstrating a commitment to the principles of sustainable forestry and are bench marking this commitment by implementing Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program principles and practices, such as prompt reforestation and protection of water quality and wildlife habitat:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, recognize the Missouri Forest Products Association's member companies, forest landowners and loggers and the state's forest products industry for its commitment to the responsible use of natural resources, and commend the creation and implementation of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program as a means to this end; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare copies of this resolution for the Missouri Forest Products Association.

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