

Senate Resolution 13

By: Senators Hecht of the 34th, Lee of the 29th, Marable of the 52nd and Golden of the 8th

**ADOPTED
SENATE**

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Natural Gas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia deregulated the provision of natural gas approximately four
3 years ago following the national trend to permit competition in this important public service
4 sector; and

5 WHEREAS, the price of natural gas has continued to escalate significantly, and residential
6 and business consumers are complaining to the Public Service Commission and to legislators
7 regarding increased cost in the delivery of natural gas and the billing for natural gas services;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the legislature desires to understand the economic factors and conditions that
10 give rise to the high costs of natural gas to customers throughout the State of Georgia in an
11 effort to reduce the economic hardship that citizens and industry confront.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
13 Study Committee on Natural Gas to be composed of six members as follows: one member
14 who shall be the chairperson of the Senate Finance and Public Utilities Committee, one
15 member who shall be the chairperson of the Senate Veterans and Consumer Affairs
16 Committee, and four members to be appointed by the President of the Senate who shall
17 designate a member of the committee to serve as chairperson and call all meetings of the
18 committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
24 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee

1 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
2 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
3 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
4 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
5 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
6 shall be made on or before December 31, 2001. The committee shall stand abolished on
7 December 31, 2001.

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