

Senate Resolution 234

By: Senators Lamutt of the 21st, Golden of the 8th and Thompson of the 33rd

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Joint Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is among the purposes of the laws of this state which require the setting aside
4 of employment reserves to be used for the benefit of persons unemployed through no fault
5 of their own to promote the public good and general welfare by the systematic accumulation
6 of funds during periods of employment thus maintaining purchasing power and limiting
7 serious social consequences; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a need to review such laws to determine whether any reform, revision,
9 or modernization of such laws is necessary and appropriate under current economic
10 conditions so as to improve the accessibility and effectiveness of this state's unemployment
11 insurance program.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 GEORGIA that there is created the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Joint Study
14 Committee to be composed of 13 members as follows: three members of the House of
15 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; three members
16 of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments; the Commissioner of
17 Labor; and six members of the general public appointed by the Governor. The Speaker and
18 the Senate Committee on Assignments shall each designate one of such members as
19 cochairperson. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

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

1 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
2 Code of Georgia Annotated. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the
3 amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
4 Annotated as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.
5 Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state
6 employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they shall
7 be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members
8 of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities
9 as state officials or employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses
10 of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds
11 appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments. All other funds
12 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated
13 to the House of Representatives and the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized by
14 this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days
15 unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its
16 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
17 shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on
18 December 31, 2003.