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1 Senator Lamutt of the 21st offered the following amendment:

2 Amend the House substitute to SR 234 by inserting before line 1 of page 1 the following:

3 "PART I".

4 By inserting at the bottom of page 2 the following:

5 "PART II

6 Creating the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund Joint Study Committee; and for other purposes.

7 WHEREAS, the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund was created to encourage employment of
8 handicapped persons by providing employers relief from excess liability for compensation
9 when injury to a handicapped employee merges with a preexisting permanent impairment;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, a major policy determination is necessary to determine the usefulness and
12 viability of the fund.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that there is created the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund Joint Study Committee to
15 be composed of 12 members as follows: three members of the House of Representatives
16 appointed by the Chairperson of the House Industrial Relations Committee; three members
17 of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments; three members appointed
18 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives representing the insurance industry,
19 organized labor, and the business community; and three members appointed by the Senate
20 Committee on Assignments representing the legal profession, self-insured employers, and
21 the general public. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member
22 of the House and the Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate a member of the
23 Senate who shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call
24 of the co-chairpersons.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
26 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
27 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may

1 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
2 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
3 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. Citizen members shall receive a
4 daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21
5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as well as the mileage or transportation allowance
6 authorized for state employees. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances
7 authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the
8 same for not more than five days. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
9 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and
10 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with
11 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December
12 1, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2003."