

Senate Resolution 1052

By: Senators Hawkins of the 49th, Murphy of the 27th, Unterman of the 45th, Pearson of the 51st, Tolleson of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging that the Endangered Species Act of 1973 be amended and congressional House
2 Resolution 3847 be passed; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's Congressional Delegation has introduced House Resolution 3847 into
4 the United States House of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, this legislation would allow states suffering from droughts to be exempt
6 temporarily from the Endangered Species Act, which in Georgia is threatening our low water
7 supply by taking away large amounts of water from north Georgia and sending it downstream
8 to protect mussels and sturgeon in Florida; and

9 WHEREAS, H. R. 3847 would amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to allow a state
10 to be exempt from the Act when the Secretary of the Army or a governor declares that
11 drought conditions are threatening the health, safety, and welfare of residents in a region
12 served by a river basin managed by the federal government; and

13 WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage in Georgia's water resources, and the Army Corps of
14 Engineers needs the latitude and the governors of each state need the authority to protect
15 citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, when the health, safety, and welfare of the human population is threatened and
17 all other means to find a solution have been exhausted, it is a logical conclusion that the
18 provisions of the Endangered Species Act should be temporarily suspended.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body does hereby
20 urge the United States Congress to amend the 1973 Endangered Species Act and that
21 congressional House Resolution 3847 be passed.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Congressional Delegation.