

House Resolution 1767

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Thomas of the 100th, Murphy of the 120th, Manning of the 32nd, Buckner of the 130th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Renewable Energy; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, stable, affordable energy is vital to the economy and security of the people of
3 the State of Georgia and of the United States of America; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the United States is heavily dependent on foreign oil supplies, and the
5 transportation sector depends on petroleum for nearly all of its needs, exacerbating price
6 volatility, adding to national trade imbalances, and decreasing national energy security; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the use of clean, renewable energy sources has many benefits, including
8 minimal environmental impact and dramatic air quality improvement, and constitutes a
9 preferred alternative to third-world energy development; and
- 10 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Georgia to have access to
11 the most effective, efficient, and environmentally sound methods of alternative and
12 renewable energy production; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) is a flexible, market-driven policy
14 that can ensure that the public benefits of renewable energy, such as wind, biomass, and
15 non-CO₂ emitting sources, continue to be recognized as electricity markets become more
16 competitive and that a minimum amount of renewable energy is included in the portfolio of
17 electricity resources serving a state, thereby putting the electricity industry on a path toward
18 increasing sustainability; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a national goal of 15-20 percent renewable based electricity by the year 2020
20 is thought by its proponents to offer the least-expensive and most market-friendly method
21 of nursing steady growth of America's renewable energy industry; and

22 WHEREAS, a national RPS is said to have many benefits, but may also have possible
23 downsides in its implementation within this state; and

24 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Georgia to
25 comprehensively study renewable energy including the possible implications and
26 ramifications of a national RPS.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 there is created the House Study Committee on Renewable Energy to be composed of six
29 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
30 Representatives who shall designate one member as chairperson. The chairperson shall call
31 all meetings of the committee.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of renewable
33 energy to include an analysis of the national Renewables Portfolio Standard and its possible
34 implications and ramifications, both positive and negative, on the State of Georgia.
35 Furthermore, the committee shall recommend any action or legislation which the committee
36 deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places
37 and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
38 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
39 resolution. Any funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
40 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
41 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
42 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2010. The committee
43 shall stand abolished on December 31, 2010.