

House Resolution 1994

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130th, Thompson of the 104th, Weldon of the 3rd, and Lane of the 167th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Damages for Conversion of Timber; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, under state law, damages for the conversion of timber by a willful trespasser
4 is limited to the market value of the timber unlawfully taken; and

5 WHEREAS, while there is ample anecdotal evidence that the conversion of timber is a
6 problem in this state, there are no official estimates of the size of the problem; and

7 WHEREAS, a review is needed to consider reporting procedures so information will be
8 readily available; and

9 WHEREAS, consideration is needed to increasing the penalty for timber theft to discourage
10 such harmful and reprehensible behavior in the future.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 there is created the House Study Committee on Damages for Conversion of Timber to be
13 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
14 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee
15 as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
17 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
18 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
19 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
20 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
21 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
22 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
23 committees but shall receive the same for not more than two days unless additional days are

24 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
25 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
26 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
27 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2010. The
28 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2010.