

House Resolution 691

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Use and Development of Nuclear Energy Plants
2 in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a global nuclear debate has been spurred by the chain of events beginning on
4 March 11, 2011, when Japanese nuclear power plants were damaged after an earthquake
5 triggered a tsunami; and

6 WHEREAS, governments around the globe are studying safety enhancement features for
7 nuclear power plants and educating their citizens on the countless benefits of such energy
8 source; and

9 WHEREAS, China's State Council has announced that it is suspending approval for all new
10 nuclear power plants until the government is able to issue revised safety rules, in light of the
11 unfolding crisis at the Fukushima nuclear facility in Japan; and

12 WHEREAS, Switzerland is studying its safety standards, and India has ordered safety
13 inspections for all of its nuclear plants; and

14 WHEREAS, other countries are taking similar actions; and

15 WHEREAS, nuclear power accounts for 20 percent of the energy production in the United
16 States and is a significant part of the nation's clean energy policy to build a low-carbon
17 future; and

18 WHEREAS, since the safety aspects of nuclear power plants are of paramount concern, there
19 should be a vulnerability assessment of the nuclear power plants in Georgia for the purpose
20 of reassuring the public as to the safety and benefits of such a valuable and much needed
21 energy source; and

22 WHEREAS, emergency response planning should also be studied to determine its sufficiency
23 and effectiveness; and

24 WHEREAS, it is vital that the legislature study the safety aspects of nuclear power plants in
25 Georgia in order to ensure that the residents of this state are protected to the greatest extent
26 possible and to assure continued support for the use and development of nuclear power in
27 Georgia and throughout the United States.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 there is created the House Study Committee on the Use and Development of Nuclear Energy
30 Plants in Georgia to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be
31 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of
32 Representatives shall select one of the members appointed as the chairperson of the
33 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
35 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
36 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
37 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
38 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
39 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
40 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
41 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless
42 additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
43 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the
44 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions
45 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2011.
46 The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2011.