

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

WHEREAS, the poultry industry is a vital, profitable, and important industry in this state; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to maintain and enhance the positive economic impacts while making every attempt to eliminate negative aspects of the industry; and

WHEREAS, the poultry industry produces waste products which have significantly impacted the environment of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Poultry Industry Committee was created in 2002 to study the economic and environmental impact of the poultry industry in this state, especially the impacts this industry has on sensitive environmental areas; and

WHEREAS, while the Poultry Industry Committee has officially completed its duties, there is still work to be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the forestry industry is a vital industry to Missouri, representing over fourteen million acres of Missouri timberland, which ranks our state seventh out of the twenty northeastern timber states, supports the bulk of Missouri recreation and tourism, directly provides thousands of jobs and supports tens of thousands of jobs where forest land and products are a vital component, directly generates three billion dollars of revenue, and indirectly supports the generation of many more billions of dollars in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to maintain and enhance the positive economic contribution of this industry while making

every attempt to minimize environmental harm and other negative aspects of the industry; and

WHEREAS, the industries' current practice of harvesting sixty percent of the tree, and its predominant production of low value-added products, limits the potential economic contribution to industry participants and to the state; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a study of the potential for increased industrial strength and rural economic gains to be realized by forestry adopting modern industrial business models and value-added techniques:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby reauthorize the "Poultry Industry Committee" to continue its review and evaluation of both the economic impact of the poultry industry, waste disposal issues, and environmental impacts of this industry, and as well as making recommendations on further action or legislative remedies, if any, to be taken as necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby authorize the creation of a "Forestry Utilization Committee", which shall review and evaluate both the industrial and economic impact of forestry utilization and make recommendations on further action or legislative remedies, if any, to be taken as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poultry Industry Committee shall be composed of twenty-seven members, one member to be a

member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, one member to be a member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, two county commissioners or their designees, a representative from the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a representative of the Department of Natural Resources, a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, a representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), a representative of the university extension system, a representative of the poultry federation, a representative of the Missouri Farmer's Association, a representative of the Farm Bureau, a representative of the Department of Conservation, a representative of the University of Missouri Department of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, a representative of the Southwest Missouri State University Department of Agriculture, a representative of the University of Missouri Commercial Agriculture Program, a member appointed by the Resource Conservation & Development Council, a representative of the Department of Economic Development, a representative of the Department of Agriculture, a representative of the Clean Water Commission, two active poultry farmers, two poultry industry contractors or processors, a person active in the processing/value-added portion of poultry waste, one person from Missouri Farm Credit Services. Each member of the Committee shall serve until December 31, 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee may conduct its business by various means but shall meet no less than twice each

year as a full Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies shall cooperate with the Poultry Industry Committee in carrying out its duties, including allowing access to closed records, provided that the Committee shall not disclose any identifying information contained in such records closed pursuant to statute or general order and any such information in the custody of the Committee shall not be discoverable to the same extent as when in the custody of the parent agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members shall serve without compensation and the Office of Administration shall provide funding, administrative support, and staff for the effective operation of the Poultry Industry Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poultry Industry Committee shall continue to study problems and solutions, collect information and provide recommendations in a report to the General Assembly before December 31, 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poultry Industry Committee shall terminate December 31, 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forestry Utilization Committee shall be composed of twenty-three members, one member to be a member of the Missouri Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, one member to be a member of the Missouri House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, two county commissioners appointed by the Missouri Association of Counties, two forest landowners representing small forestry holdings with owners of less than two hundred acres of timber and two representatives of large forestry holdings with

greater than two hundred acres of timber, both to be appointed by the Missouri Farm Bureau, a representative from the Resource Conservation and Development Councils, a representative from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center, a representative from the Missouri Enterprise Business Assistance Center, a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service's North Central Forest Experimental Station, a representative of the University of Missouri's School of Natural Resources, a representative of the Society of American Foresters, a representative from the Missouri Department of Conservation's Division of Forestry, a representative of the Missouri Forest Products Association, a representative of the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Business Development Division, two representatives of a large-volume active sawmill and two representatives of a small-volume active sawmill appointed by the Missouri Forest Products Association, a representative of the School of Agricultural Sciences at Southwest Missouri State University and a representative of the Department of Agriculture, School of Polytechnic Studies at Southeast Missouri State University. Each member of the committee shall serve until December 31, 2005. A chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary shall be elected by the membership of the committee to conduct the business of the committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forestry Utilization Committee may conduct its business by various means but shall meet no less than twice each year as a full committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies shall cooperate with the Forestry Utilization Committee in carrying out

its duties, including allowing access to closed records, provided that the Forestry Utilization Committee shall not disclose any identifying information contained in such records closed pursuant to statute or general order, and any such information in the custody of the committee shall not be discoverable to the same extent as when in the custody of the parent agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members shall serve without compensation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Administration shall provide minimal funding, administrative support, and staff for the effective operation of the committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forestry Utilization Committee shall study problems and solutions, collect information, and provide recommendations in a report to the General Assembly before July 30, 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forestry Utilization Committee shall submit its final report to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forestry Utilization Committee shall terminate December 31, 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.