

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representatives Mills and Calhoun**

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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONDUCT A STUDY CONCERNING THE
10 ECONOMIC IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS AS A RESULT
11 OF THE OVERPOPULATION OF CASTOR CANADENSIS IN THIS STATE;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 WHEREAS, Castor canadensis, with their chisel-like teeth, have gnawed
15 their way across the forests of this state causing serious damage to
16 timberland; and

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18 WHEREAS, Castor canadensis, using their ingenious semiaquatic talents,
19 have constructed canals and dams which have rerouted water causing floods in
20 communities in this state; and

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22 WHEREAS, current game laws place the Castor canadensis in the same
23 hunting season and bag limit as deer, otter, bear, elk and buffalo; and

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25 WHEREAS, the overpopulation due to lack of natural predators of Castor
26 canadensis is resulting in severe economic losses to the citizens of this
27 state,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,
30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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33 THAT as soon as practicable following the adjournment of the 78th
34 Session of the Arkansas General Assembly, the Joint Interim Committee on
35 Agriculture and Economic Development conduct a study concerning the economic

1 impact of the Castor canadensis in this state;

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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee report its findings and make
4 legislative recommendations prior to the convening of the 79th Session of the
5 Arkansas General Assembly.

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