

By: Senator Gordon

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO CREATE A SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MAKE A STUDY OF THE CURRENT PROCEDURES FOR REGISTERING AND LICENSING TRUCKS AND THE APPLICATION OF GROSS RECEIPTS TAXES AND AD VALOREM TAXES TO TRUCKS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE NEED TO REVISE THE PRESENT LAWS TO ENCOURAGE THE REGISTRATION, LICENSING OF TRUCKS IN ARKANSAS AND THE OPERATION OF TRUCKS FROM BASES IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, many trucks now operated by Arkansas companies are registered in other states and some are operated primarily from bases located in other states; and

WHEREAS, the reluctance to register and license trucks in Arkansas and the practice of operating trucks from bases outside the state is related to the registration and licensing procedures now in effect in Arkansas and the application of Arkansas sales taxes and ad valorem taxes to trucks; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the state for trucking companies to register, license and base trucks in Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

There is hereby established a joint committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives to be composed of the following eleven members: one member of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation appointed by the Chairman of the committee; one member of the Senate Committee on Public Transportation appointed by the chairman of the committee; one member of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs appointed by the chairman of the committee; one member of the Senate at large appointed by the President Pro Tem; two members of the House Committee on Revenue and Taxation appointed by the chairman of the committee; two members of the House Committee on Public Transportation appointed by the chairman of the committee; two members of the House

Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs appointed by the chairman of the committee; and one member of the House of Representatives at large appointed by the Speaker.

One alternate member shall be appointed for each member of the committee. The alternate members shall be appointed from the respective committees and from the Senate and House at large in the same manner and shall be appointed by the same persons as the regular members of the committee. An alternate member shall serve only when the regular member is unable to serve.

The committee shall make a study of the current laws and procedures for registering and licensing trucks and of the application of the Arkansas gross receipts tax and the local ad valorem taxes to trucks registered, licensed and based in Arkansas, for the purpose of determining the need for an feasibility of revising the registration and tax laws to encourage trucking companies to register, license and base their trucks in Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings and recommendations including any proposed legislation to the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly.

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