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5 By: Representative Minton
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 "REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO
10 CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT THAT LAND
11 SALES TO FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE ON
12 THE TAX BASE OF LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TO
13 DETERMINE IF A PROGRAM IS NEEDED TO REPLACE THE
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25 WHEREAS, there are numerous federal government agencies in Arkansas
26 which have purchased land from Arkansas citizens for wildlife refuges,
27 national forests, national parks, military reservations, etc. and each of
28 these sales to a public agency removes real property from the property tax
29 base that benefits primarily the local public school districts in Arkansas;
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32 WHEREAS, there are numerous Arkansas state government agencies which
33 have purchased land for state forests, state parks, game and fish refuges,
34 prison farms, etc. and each of these sales to a public agency removes real
35 property from the property tax base for the benefit of local public school
36 districts in Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, the local public school districts are the front line for educating our children and Arkansas citizens of tomorrow, and the small school districts are the first to realize the loss of property tax revenue and are hardest hit by the decrease in their property tax base when publicly purchased lands are taken from the tax rolls,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Arkansas Legislative Council is asked to refer this request to the appropriate interim committee of the House of Representatives to conduct a study of the financial impact which public land sales to the federal and state government agencies have on the local tax base of public school districts in Arkansas, and to determine if a program is needed to replace the revenues lost and to recommend any proposed legislation, and that the appropriate committee report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Eighty-third General Assembly no later than November 1, 2000.