

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 First Extraordinary Session, 2006

Call Item 18

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5 By: Senator Argue
6 By: Representative Elliott

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 TO ADOPT A REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS
11 RESPONDING TO THE DECEMBER 15, 2005, OPINION OF
12 THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT IN *LAKE VIEW* – FINAL
13 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 85TH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY AS SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRO
15 TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY THE SENATE INTERIM
17 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE HOUSE INTERIM
18 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

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20 **Subtitle**

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26 ASSEMBLY.

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29 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2005, in its Lake View decision, the Arkansas
30 Supreme Court found that the public school funding system continues to be
31 inadequate and that public schools are operating under a constitutional
32 infirmity that must be corrected immediately; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Court decided to stay the issuance of its mandate until
35 December 1, 2006, to allow time for the Senate Interim Committee on Education
36 and the House Interim Committee on Education to correct the constitutional



1 infirmity of the public school funding system and found that the committees
 2 should conduct a review of the adequacy needs of public schools for the 2005-
 3 2006 and 2006-2007 school years and make a report of their findings; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Senate Interim Committee on Education, the House Interim
 6 Committee on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Subcommittee
 7 conducted public hearings during February 2006 and heard testimony from
 8 numerous individuals, state agencies, educators, and education-related
 9 associations and organizations regarding the adequacy needs of public schools
 10 and, in particular, for the school years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House
 13 Interim Committee on Education have published their findings and
 14 recommendations in A Report on Legislative Hearings Responding to the
 15 December 15, 2005, Opinion of the Arkansas Supreme Court in *Lake View* – Final
 16 Report and Recommendations to the 85th General Assembly dated April 3, 2006;
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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
 20 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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22 That the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas,
 23 meeting in extraordinary session, shall adopt A Report on Legislative
 24 Hearings Responding to the December 15, 2005, Opinion of the Arkansas Supreme
 25 Court in *Lake View* – Final Report and Recommendations to the 85th General
 26 Assembly as contained herein as an attachment and submitted to the President
 27 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
 28 the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee on
 29 Education and shall use the report as a basis for deliberations in the
 30 development of legislation pertaining to an adequate and equitable system of
 31 public education.
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