

1 SJR24
2 116217-1
3 By Senators Bishop, Dixon, Marsh, Beason, Waggoner, Holley,
4 Brooks, Erwin, Glover, Smith and French
5 RFD:
6 First Read: 12-JAN-10

8 RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET.
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10 WHEREAS, the State General Fund is one of five major
11 operating funds in the State of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, revenues credited to the General Fund are
13 used for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative,
14 and judicial departments of state government, and for other
15 functions of government; and

16 WHEREAS, the General Fund supports such vital state
17 programs as child protection, criminal justice, public safety,
18 Medicaid, and legislative activities; and

19 WHEREAS, Governor Riley is considering whether to
20 declare proration, triggering a reduction in the State General
21 Fund budget of seven to eight percent; and

22 WHEREAS, Medicaid, funded by the General Fund, is
23 the only source of health care for many Alabama senior
24 citizens and the increasingly low-income population; proration
25 would particularly harm the neediest of Alabamians; and

1 WHEREAS, the members of the Alabama Legislature
2 receive an expense allowance from the State General Fund; and

3 WHEREAS, cuts in funding pursuant to proration are
4 intended to be uniformly applied to all General Fund
5 recipients; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That if the General Fund Budget is
8 declared in proration, the expense allowance payable to
9 members of the Legislature under Act 87-209, HJR 287 of the
10 1987 Regular Session, Act 91-95, SJR 45 of the 1991 Regular
11 Session, Act 91-108, HJR 7 of the 1991 Regular Session, and
12 Act 2007-75, HJR 29 of the 2007 Regular Session shall be
13 reduced by the same percent for the remainder of the fiscal
14 year.