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3       By Senator Pittman  
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8           URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO  
9       ALLOW ADECA TO IDENTIFY NEW OR ADDITIONAL SUBGRANTEES FOR THE  
10      WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS.  
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12           WHEREAS, Governor Bob Riley Designated the Alabama  
13      Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) as the  
14      lead agency for the State of Alabama for the implementation of  
15      a weatherization assistance program to increase the energy  
16      efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low income  
17      persons; and

18           WHEREAS, ADECA received approximately \$75 million in  
19      a grant award from the United States Department of Energy  
20      (US/DOE) to provide such persons renewable energy systems or  
21      technologies, reduce their total residential expenditure, and  
22      improve their health and safety, especially low income persons  
23      who are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly, persons  
24      with disabilities, families with children, high residential  
25      energy users, and households with high energy burdens; and

1           WHEREAS, as the US/DOE grantee, ADECA had to ensure  
2           in a state application that, in selecting a subgrantee,  
3           preference is given to any Community Action Agency (CAA) that  
4           is currently administering an effective weatherization program  
5           under Part 440 - Weatherization Assistance for Low Income  
6           Persons - or under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of  
7           1964; and

8           WHEREAS, authorization for the identification of new  
9           or additional subgrantees is necessary in order for ADECA to  
10          administer an effective program; now therefore,

11          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the United States  
13          Department of Energy to allow the Alabama Department of  
14          Economic and Community Affairs to identify new or additional  
15          subgrantees at a hearing in accordance with the US/DOE  
16          regulations published on January 1, 2009.

17          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That copies of this resolution will  
19          be provided to the United States Secretary of Energy and the  
20          Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community  
21          Affairs.