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CREATING THE ALABAMA PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY

PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS.

WHEREAS, Alabama's pulp and paper industry is an integral part of our state's economy generating an estimated \$8 billion in revenue annually and employing over 43,000 individuals across the state; and

WHEREAS, the pulp and paper industry makes essential products from renewable and recyclable resources that sustain the environment; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's pulp and paper industry is competing in an expanding global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the pulp and paper industry is being subjected to over-regulation from federal governmental agencies which could result in loss of jobs and revenue in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama realizes the significance of the pulp and paper industry and desires to insure the continued sustainability of the pulp and paper industry in our state; and

1           WHEREAS, examination of the industry and ways to  
2 promote and sustain the pulp and paper industry would benefit  
3 the State of Alabama; now therefore,

4           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the  
6 Pulp and Paper Industry Permanent Legislative Caucus to insure  
7 the continued sustainability of the pulp and paper industry in  
8 the State of Alabama. The caucus membership shall be voluntary  
9 and open to any legislative member who wants to support the  
10 sustainability of pulp and paper industry in Alabama.

11           The caucus shall study the economic effects that  
12 federal rules and regulations and proposed federal rules and  
13 regulations have or would have on the pulp and paper industry  
14 in the State of Alabama.

15           The caucus shall study and determine the present and  
16 future need of workforce development within the Alabama pulp  
17 and paper industry.

18           The caucus shall study ways to insure continued  
19 sustainability of the pulp and paper industry in Alabama.

20           The caucus shall report its findings, conclusions,  
21 and recommendations to the Legislature and appropriate state  
22 agencies on needs of the Alabama pulp and paper industry.

23           The caucus shall advise the Alabama Congressional  
24 Delegation on the needs of the Alabama pulp and paper  
25 industry.

1           The caucus shall deliver comments to federal  
2 regulatory agencies concerning proposed federal rules and  
3 regulations affecting the Alabama pulp and paper industry.

4           There shall be no legislative compensation, per  
5 diem, or travel expenses for attending meetings of the caucus.  
6 Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of the Senate and  
7 the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall provide  
8 necessary clerical assistance for the work of the caucus.

9           The caucus has the authority to organize its  
10 membership as it deems appropriate.