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8 CREATING THE ALABAMA PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY
9 PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS.

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11 WHEREAS, Alabama's pulp and paper industry is an
12 integral part of our state's economy generating an estimated
13 \$8 billion in revenue annually and employing over 43,000
14 individuals across the state; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama realizes the
25 significance of the pulp and paper industry and desires to
26 insure the continued sustainability of the pulp and paper
27 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.