

1 SJR68
2 159006-1
3 By Senators Marsh, Williams, Fielding, Beason, Dial, Holley,
4 Glover, McGill, Scofield, Allen, Ward, Taylor, Brewbaker,
5 Waggoner, Hightower, Orr, Reed, Bussman, Pittman, Holtzclaw
6 and Whatley
7 RFD:
8 First Read: 27-FEB-14

URGING CONGRESS AND OTHER LEADERS TO INFORM THE
PUBLIC REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OVERSIGHT OF THE
FEDERAL REGULATORY PROCESS.

WHEREAS, America works best when Americans are
working; and

WHEREAS, too many Americans are unemployed or
underemployed; and

WHEREAS, the current unemployment situation is a
tragedy for millions of Americans, many of whom are relegated,
along with their families, to decaying job skills, long-term
unemployment, welfare, and hopelessness; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment situation has contributed
to an ever expanding national debt and no credible plan for
balancing the federal budget; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment situation can be reversed
by spurring innovation and maximizing the creation of new work
opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the best conditions for a capitalist
economy to innovate, grow, and create new jobs and

1 opportunities for the widest number of Americans include the
2 rule of law, property rights, sound money, and clear and
3 predictable tax rates and regulations, all of which must be
4 defended and enforced by constitutional government; and

5 WHEREAS, federal regulations that are unclear,
6 burdensome, arbitrary, complex, costly, and inequitable impose
7 real costs on the lives of individual Americans and present an
8 especially egregious obstacle to job creation and the growth
9 potential of the economy; and

10 WHEREAS, the destructive human and economic impact
11 of the current array of federal regulations requires special
12 national attention and energetic national movement for
13 regulatory reform; and

14 WHEREAS, the wealth of a capitalist economy grows
15 through the accumulation of knowledge and federal regulations
16 that are not simple, clear, understandable, low cost, or
17 predictable are an enemy of knowledge accumulation and are
18 therefore an enemy of the growth of individual and national
19 wealth; and

20 WHEREAS, any participant in the economy who
21 confronts ambiguous, burdensome, and arbitrary federal
22 regulations cannot act, cannot gain, share, or receive new
23 knowledge, cannot learn and therefore cannot innovate, and
24 therefore cannot do their part to push the economy forward;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, federal regulations that protect
27 enterprises from failure and therefore prevent the generation

1 of new knowledge made possible from failure are equally
2 destructive of the growth of individual and national wealth;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, regulatory reform that restructures,
5 reduces, or eliminates wealth distorting regulations can
6 liberate economic activity with enormous speed and become a
7 tremendous driver of new economic growth and new work
8 opportunities to end the current crisis of work; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we call upon all members of
12 the U.S. Congress, all presidential and other federal and
13 state candidates, all governors, and all members of other
14 state Legislatures to make it a top priority to explain to the
15 public the individual and economic costs imposed by burdensome
16 federal regulations; how ill-considered regulations stifle
17 human creativity, and the accumulation of knowledge and
18 innovation that allows for economic growth and job creation,
19 which makes individual and national wealth possible; and the
20 principles that should govern the reform of existing federal
21 resolutions and the drafting and implementation of any new
22 federal regulations.

23 RESOLVED FURTHER, That copies of this resolution
24 shall be provided to the public officers named in this
25 resolution.