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3 By Senators Barfoot, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Bell, Butler,
4 Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,
7 Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams, Woods

9 RFD: Rules

10 First Read: 10-Feb-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR___ URGING THE ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO
5 PROVIDE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE STATE LOGGING EFFICIENCY GRANT
6 FUND.

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8 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature values the impact of
9 forestry on the State of Alabama, which generates over
10 \$36,000,000,000 in annual economic impact and over
11 \$8,000,000,000 in annual labor income derived from over 23.1
12 million acres of timberland; and

13 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes that the
14 forestry industry needs a vibrant and healthy rural
15 infrastructure in order to get its raw material to forest
16 product manufacturers in a timely and cost-effective manner;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, in 2023, the Alabama Legislature enacted the
19 Rural Logging Efficiency Act, Act 2023-524 of the 2023
20 Regular Session, which set forth that "in order to have a
21 successful forest product manufacturing sector, it is
22 imperative that the supply chain for forest raw materials be
23 as competitive and efficient as possible"; and

24 WHEREAS, according to the Rural Logging Efficiency
25 Act, the Legislature's intent in adopting the act was to
26 provide a stable funding source for maintaining, repairing,
27 replacing, and constructing public rural bridges that may
28 not qualify for funding through traditional funding



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29 formulas; and

30 WHEREAS, the act created the Logging Efficiency Grant
31 Fund in the State Treasury, which consists of monies from
32 grants, gifts, bequests, or donations made to the fund from
33 any source as well as all other lawful sources; and

34 WHEREAS, additional funds, including from federal
35 sources, would help support the infrastructure necessary to
36 ensure the Alabama logging and forestry industry continues
37 to thrive; now therefore,

38 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
39 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the Alabama
40 Congressional Delegation to identify and provide federal
41 funds, either through grants or direct appropriations, which
42 may be used by the state to address the construction,
43 replacement, or repair of rural bridges and to direct such
44 funds to the State's Logging Efficiency Grant Fund.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
46 resolution be provided to each United States Senator and
47 United States Representative of the Alabama Congressional
48 Delegation.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 10-Feb-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 17-Feb-26

By: Senator Barfoot