

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

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To create a legislative committee from the House of Representatives to confer jointly with legislative committees of the States of South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia on the matter of state and local taxation.

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee has received an official communication from the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, requesting the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to create by resolution a committee to meet and confer jointly with similar legislative committees from the States of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Alabama on the question of state and local taxation at such time and place as may be agreed upon by said committees; and,

WHEREAS, the ad valorem tax burden in this State has become so heavy that it is not only desirable but imperative that some permanent method of taxation be devised and adopted which will bring about a substantial reduction in the amount of

taxes now imposed on the property owners of the State; and,

WHEREAS, sales tax legislation proposed in Tennessee and now pending in the General Assembly contemplates emergency relief for a temporary period, and if such taxes are levied for a temporary period only to meet existing emergencies, question of a well balanced, equitable and permanent system of taxation which will remove the major part of the tax burden resting on property, will have to be formulated and adopted to take the place of any temporary emergency sales tax which may be enacted by the present General Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee that the Speaker be authorized to appoint a committee of nine members to jointly confer and collaborate with like committees from the States of South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia in an effort to formulate a sound, equitable, well balanced system of taxation under which the property tax burden will be substantially reduced. Said committee is authorized to meet with like committees from the States herein named at such time, or times, and place, or places, as may be agreed upon by such committees, when and

after such other states signify by the appointment of committees a willingness to so confer and collaborate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the aforesaid states, with request that said states advise whether they will appoint committees to join such conferences.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES