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**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Monday, April 25, 2005**

**Committee Substitute for**  
**Senate Concurrent**  
**Resolution No. 22**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 - By:  
LERBLANCE of the Senate and ARMES of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution to convene a special legislative meeting by certain date to call upon certain state environmental agencies to support their actions relating to statutory responsibilities under the provisions of the Scenic Rivers Act; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Scenic Rivers Act compels the Legislature to take any and all necessary and appropriate action to determine if any of the state environmental agencies have failed to appropriately address water quality standards in an impaired scenic river watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned that the fulfillment of water quality standards is not being adequately addressed by all state environmental agencies as mandated by the Scenic Rivers Act and the Federal Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, acting for the people as their elected representatives, fully expects that the state environmental agencies shall fulfill their responsibilities as set forth in state statutes; and

1           WHEREAS, as stated in Section 10-9.22 of Title 2 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes, the Oklahoma Legislature hereby establishes that it is the  
3 public policy of this state to maintain and protect the high quality  
4 of the surface water and groundwater of this state for present and  
5 future uses.

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
7 OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9           THAT the chairs of the Senate Energy and Environmental Committee  
10 and the House of Representatives Environmental and Natural Resources  
11 Committee shall convene a joint meeting and call upon each state  
12 environmental agency and the Secretary of the Environment to provide  
13 documents and information that are available for public viewing and  
14 discussion which provide what actions they have taken pursuant to  
15 their specific statutory responsibilities as set forth in the Scenic  
16 Rivers Act, Section 1451 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma  
17 Statutes, and any other relevant environmental statutes addressing  
18 water quality standards and their implementation which call for  
19 specific documents to be produced. Nothing in this resolution shall  
20 require the provision or disclosure of material that is confidential  
21 pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of  
22 Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes. At least one organizational  
23 meeting shall be called prior to the end of this legislative session

1 to provide committee members an opportunity to familiarize  
2 themselves with the law, the agency executives and the process of  
3 examination required by the provisions of the Scenic Rivers Act.

4 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor,  
5 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives, the Secretary of the Environment, the Executive  
7 Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Chair of  
8 the Corporation Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture, the  
9 Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the  
10 Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, the  
11 Administrator of the Scenic Rivers Commission, and the Executive  
12 Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, dated  
14 4-21-05 - DO PASS, As Amended.