

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY SENATOR CROWE

ATTORNEY GENERAL. Requests the attorney general to file suit against BP to compensate the parish governments of the coastal parishes for the loss of property taxes due to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil leak.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the attorney general to file suit against British Petroleum to compensate  
3 the parish governments of the coastal parishes for the loss of property tax revenue  
4 due to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil leak which resulted in the  
5 devaluation of coastal properties.

6 WHEREAS, some fifty miles off the Louisiana coast, the Deepwater Horizon drilling  
7 rig experienced a massive and deadly explosion and fire on April 20, 2010, before sinking  
8 and leaking oil into the Gulf of Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, an estimated thirty million gallons of oil have already leaked into the  
10 Gulf of Mexico, exceeding the eleven million gallons of oil that resulted from the Exxon  
11 Valdez disaster; and

12 WHEREAS, the Deepwater Horizon oil leak is the worst oil leak in Louisiana and  
13 United States history and is the worst environmental disaster the United States has faced; and

14 WHEREAS, in response to the oil leak, British Petroleum ("BP") has tried for over  
15 fifty days to stop oil from spewing into the Gulf of Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, over one hundred miles of Louisiana's shoreline has been impacted by  
17 oil coming ashore; and

18 WHEREAS, the efforts of BP have thus far failed to protect the coast, marshes, and

1 estuaries of Louisiana, its citizens and businesses, and has resulted in an economic crisis for  
2 this state, its citizens and businesses; and

3 WHEREAS, the value of the properties in the coastal parishes has been diminished  
4 due to the oil leak; and

5 WHEREAS, parish property tax revenue for the coastal parishes is expected to fall  
6 due to the devaluation of coastal properties.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
8 does hereby urge and request the attorney general to file suit against British Petroleum to  
9 compensate the parish governments of the coastal parishes for the loss of property tax  
10 revenue due to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil leak which resulted in the  
11 devaluation of coastal properties.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
13 attorney general.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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DIGEST

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