



2005 SENATE RESOLUTION 14

March 7, 2006 – Introduced by Senators ZIEN, SCHULTZ, A. LASEE and DECKER.
Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the lack of access to available timber, primarily on public lands.

2 Whereas, the lack of access to available timber on public lands is the premier
3 problem facing Wisconsin's forest industry; and

4 Whereas, layoffs, mill closures, and temporary shutdowns are occurring on a
5 regular basis across the state; and

6 Whereas, 20 percent of our logging contractors went out of business between
7 1997 and 2000; over 5,000 high paying jobs have been lost in the paper industry since
8 2000; and 15 medium-to-large sawmills have closed their doors in the last 5 years;
9 and

10 Whereas, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) significantly
11 reduced the amount of timber available for sale in the past 10 years, and last year
12 the CNNF harvested less than half of the timber required to maintain forest health,
13 which translates to reduced revenue to local communities from direct forest service
14 payments and a significant reduction in raw material needed to sustain our forest
15 industry; and

