



## 2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

1     **Relating to:** commemorating the first centennial of the joint committee on finance,  
2             and honoring members of the legislature who served on the committee.

3             Whereas, Governor Francis E. McGovern signed Senate Bill 8 into law on  
4     March 2, 1911, creating the joint committee on finance; and

5             Whereas, the joint committee on finance is the longest-serving continuing  
6     standing committee of the legislature; and

7             Whereas, the origin of the committee dates back nearly to statehood, when the  
8     joint committee on claims was established in 1857 to consider appropriations bills;  
9     and

10            Whereas, the joint committee on finance is the only joint legislative standing  
11     committee of any state in the nation that is charged with the responsibility of  
12     reviewing both revenues and appropriations; and

13            Whereas, the joint committee on finance has reviewed and acted on bills  
14     affecting state finances for the last century; and

