

1 HJR184  
2 219180-1  
3 By Representative Grimsley  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 17-MAR-22

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8 URGING THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE TO SUSPEND THE  
9 GROCERY AND GAS TAX.

10  
11 WHEREAS, Alabama has the fifth highest rate of food  
12 insecurity in the nation and is one of only three states with  
13 no tax break on groceries; and

14 WHEREAS, Alabamians are burdened with the final  
15 implementation of the gas tax passed by this body in the  
16 Rebuild Alabama Act of 2019; Alabamians have seen an  
17 additional 10 cent cost increase at the pump; and

18 WHEREAS, disadvantaged communities, the working  
19 poor, and the middle class bear the greatest burden of the  
20 grocery tax and gas tax in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, President Biden has made available the  
22 release of 50 million barrels of oil from the Strategic  
23 Petroleum Reserve to lower prices for Americans and to address  
24 supply and demand issues as the country exits the pandemic;  
25 House Democrats commend President Biden's commitment to  
26 bringing down costs for the American people; and

1                   WHEREAS, it is the duty of this body to do our part  
2 to provide support and relief to bring down costs for working  
3 families in Alabama; and

4                   WHEREAS, the suspension of the grocery and gas tax  
5 would help to alleviate the burden placed on families across  
6 the State of Alabama as we recover from the pandemic; now  
7 therefore,

8                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Legislature is  
10 urged to pass legislation to suspend the grocery tax and gas  
11 tax.