

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

INTRODUCED BY GRADY, QUILICI, DRISCOLL, FORRESTER,
HOFFMAN, STANG, T. BECK, HARP, WEEDING

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 24, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

JANUARY 25, 1991 FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 13, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 14, 1991 PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 16, 1991 SECOND READING, DO PASS.

FEBRUARY 18, 1991 ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 19, 1991 THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 100; NOES, 0.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 20, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 8, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 13, 1991 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 14, 1991 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 48; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 15, 1991 RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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 3 Foran Alvin Ray T. Bond HARP
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LC 1644/01

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