

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

IN THE HOUSE

February 27, 1979	On motion, rules suspended and bill allowed to be introduced.
February 28, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 8, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do pass.
March 10, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
March 13, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
March 14, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
March 15, 1979	Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

March 16, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation
March 19, 1979	Committee recommend bill, not concurred.

IN THE HOUSE

March 20, 1979	Returned from Senate, not concurred.
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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Director Lanning*
 3 *Kolstad Rep. Bellgren Waigalla Oeda*

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED
 6 STATES CONGRESS TO PERMIT STATES TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM SPEED
 7 LIMIT TO 65 MILES PER HOUR.

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 9 WHEREAS, many states, such as Montana, contain large
 10 areas with sparse population and low traffic density; and

11 WHEREAS, travel within these states frequently requires
 12 driving for long distances through sparsely settled country
 13 with little traffic; and

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 15 does not provide for significant fuel savings; and

16 WHEREAS, many motor vehicles do not operate efficiently
 17 at 55 miles per hour but could be operated efficiently and
 18 safely at higher speeds; and

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 20 sparse population and low traffic density would facilitate
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 2 immediate action to amend the Emergency Highway Energy
 3 Conservation Act to permit states to raise the maximum speed
 4 limit to 65 miles per hour.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
 6 send copies of this resolution to the President of the
 7 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
 8 of Representatives, and to each member of the Montana
 9 Congressional Delegation.

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 INTRODUCED BILL

Approved by Committee
on Highways & Transportation

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INTRODUCED BY *Director Rammie*
Krolstad Roper Bellgren Waigwilla Beda

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SECOND READING

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3 RYAN, GILLIGAN, STAIGMILLER, FEDA
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