

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.

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2 INTRODUCED BY *Senator Hansen*  
3 *Robert Rose Dillon William Beck*  
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5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED  
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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  
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9       Congressional Delegation.

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Approved by Committee  
on Highways & Transportation

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