

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

IN THE SENATE

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 12, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do pass.
March 13, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
March 14, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
March 15, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
March 16, 1979	Third reading, passed.

IN THE HOUSE

March 17, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 22, 1979	Committee recommend bill, concurred.
March 23, 1979	On motion, consideration passed until the 71st Legislative Day.
March 28, 1979	Second reading, not concurred.

IN THE SENATE

March 29, 1979	Returned from House, not concurred.
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 2    INTRODUCED BY Hafferman  
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 6    LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO ASSIGN A STUDY OF THE  
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Approved by Committee  
on Highways & Transportation

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