SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 34

IN THE SENATE

| March 22, 1979 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game. |
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| March 30, 1979 | Committee recommend bill, do pass. |
| March 31, 1979 | Printed and placed on members' desks. |
| April 2, 1979 | Second reading, do pass. |
| April 3, 1979 | Considered correctly engrossed. |
| | On motion, taken from Committee on Bills and Journal and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims. Motion adopted. |
| April 20, 1979 | Died in Committee. |

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21 WHEREAS, the adequacy of these funding sources to 22 support proper management and supervision of these fish, 23 wildlife, park, and related resources has been questioned; 24 and

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Approved by Comm. on Fish and Game

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