

HOUSE BILL NO. 398

INTRODUCED BY QUILICI, DAILY, MENAHAN, FABREGA

IN THE HOUSE

January 21, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 3, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 4, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 6, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 7, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 9, 1981	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 10, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 21, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 24, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
March 25, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 27, 1981	Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

March 28, 1981	Returned from Senate with amendments.
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April 8, 1981

Second reading, amendments
concurred in.

April 9, 1981

Third reading, amendments
concurred in. Ayes, 96; Noes, 0.
Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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2 SECTION 4. COORDINATION INSTRUCTION. IF SENATE BILL
3 141 IS PASSED AND APPROVED, SECTION 4 OF SENATE BILL 141
4 PERTAINING TO THE AWARDING OF LOANS UNDER 90-4-106, SHALL BE
5 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE BILL 398.

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March 21, 1981

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Natural Resources)

That House Bill No. 398 be amended as follows:

1. Page 4.

Following: line 1.

Insert: "Section 4. Coordination instruction. If senate bill 141 is passed and approved, section 4 of senate bill 141 pertaining to the awarding of loans under 90-4-106, shall be subject to the provisions of house bill 398."