

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

INTRODUCED BY MOORE, DUSSAULT, MARKS

IN THE HOUSE

February 7, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
March 26, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
March 28, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
April 1, 1981	Second reading, do pass as amended.
April 3, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
April 4, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 80; Noes, 14. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 6, 1981	By motion and consent bill allowed to be received and considered this session.
	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
April 11, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 15, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
April 16, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 40; Noes, 10.

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April 17, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling.
	Reported correctly enrolled.

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 2    INTRODUCED BY Mrs. Susanna Nash

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