

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

INTRODUCED BY UNDERDAL, CONROY, KANDUCH, SWITZER, BURNETT,
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SALES, BERTELSEN, THOFT, KROPP, ELLISON, C. SMITH, ELLERD,
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IN THE HOUSE

March 18, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture.
March 26, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 28, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
March 30, 1981	Considered correctly engrossed.
March 31, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 96; Noes, 0. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 1, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
April 3, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 9, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
April 11, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 47; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

April 13, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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12 REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION.

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17 FR 52810); and

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19 existing data on strychnine usage in the United States; and

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22 monofluoracetate); generally not effective (zinc phosphide);
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