HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

INTRODUCED BY ERNST, NORDTVEDT, HANSON

IN THE HOUSE

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February 15, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February 19, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 22, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 23, 1983	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.
IN THE SENATE	
March 1, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 12, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 16, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 18, 1983	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 44; Noes, 5.
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March 18, 1983	Returned to House.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

March 19, 1983

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