

HOUSE BILL NO. 370

1/23 Introduced  
1/23 Referred to Judiciary  
1/31 Hearing  
1/31 Adverse Committee Report  
2/01 Objection to Adverse Committee Report  
2/04 2nd Reading Do Not Pass  
2/04 Bill Killed

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