

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

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IN THE HOUSE

February 12, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
February 18, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 19, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 20, 1985	Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed.
February 21, 1985	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 22, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
March 25, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurrred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 28, 1985	Second reading, concurrred in.
March 30, 1985	Third reading, concurrred in. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0. Returned to House with amendments.

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March 30, 1985

Received from Senate.

April 8, 1985

Second reading, amendments
concurrent in.

On motion, rules suspended and
bill placed on third reading
this day.

Third reading, amendments
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Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 25 19 85

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION

having had under consideration HJR No. 28

third reading copy (blue color)

Rapp-Svrcek (Bengtson)

URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LAWS SUPPORTING FAMILY FARM AGRICULTURE

Respectfully report as follows: That HJR No. 28

be amended as follows:

1. Page 3, line 3.

Following: line 2

Insert: "(5) a unified national program to increase the exporting of agricultural products; and"

Renumber: Subsequent subsection

and as amended, BE CONCURRED IN

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Handwritten signature of Paul F. Boylan, Chairman.

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