

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

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IN THE HOUSE

April 11, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
April 16, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
April 17, 1985	Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed.
April 18, 1985	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 19, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
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April 23, 1985

Committee recommend bill be
concurrent in. Report adopted.

April 24, 1985

Second reading, concurrent in.

April 25, 1985

Third reading, concurrent in.
Ayes, 48; Noes, 0.

Returned to House.

IN THE HOUSE

April 25, 1985

Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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