

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

INTRODUCED BY PETERSON, DARKO, HARP, OWENS,
VAUGHN, R. NELSON, SMITH, COHEN, CONNELLY

IN THE HOUSE

DECEMBER 30, 1988	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
JANUARY 2, 1989	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 4, 1989	ON MOTION BY CHIEF SPONSOR, REPRESENTATIVES DARKO, HARP, OWENS, VAUGHN, R. NELSON, SMITH, COHEN, AND CONNELLY ADDED AS SPONSORS.
JANUARY 6, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 7, 1989	PRINTING REPORT. SECOND READING, DO PASS AS AMENDED.
JANUARY 9, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
JANUARY 10, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 98; NOES, 1. TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 13, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION. FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 3, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 7, 1989

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

FEBRUARY 9, 1989

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 50; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 27, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

FEBRUARY 28, 1989

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

FEBRUARY 28, 1989

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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2 INTRODUCED BY PETERSON
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE
6 UNITED STATES PORT OF ENTRY STATION AT ROOSVILLE BE OPEN 24
7 HOURS A DAY.
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9 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 93 is the only route from the
10 State of Montana into the Province of British Columbia; and
11 WHEREAS, the nearest alternate highway crossing of the
12 boundary between the United States and the Province of
13 British Columbia is located in Idaho and is accessible only
14 after a long and circuitous journey; and
15 WHEREAS, the government of Canada operates its port of
16 entry station at Roosville 24 hours every day of the year,
17 while the government of the United States closes its port of
18 entry station at Roosville between the hours of midnight and
19 8 a.m. each day; and
20 WHEREAS, the discrepancy between the hours of
21 operations of the port of entry stations on opposite sides
22 of the border at Roosville causes confusion, inconvenience,
23 and hardship for the traveling public that must cross the
24 international boundary at that location because entry into
25 Canada is unrestrained, but entry into the United States is

1 legally impossible while the United States port of entry
2 station is closed; and
3 WHEREAS, the lack of staffing at the United States port
4 of entry station during one-third of each day contributes to
5 serious law enforcement problems concerning illegal
6 crossings; and
7 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 93 is a principal avenue of
8 commercial traffic, interruption of which for any period of
9 time seriously impedes economic activity; and
10 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 93 is a major thoroughfare of
11 tourist traffic, encouragement of which is a significant
12 component of Montana's effort to stimulate its economy; and
13 WHEREAS, any restriction of intercourse between the
14 United States and Canada hinders the enhancement of good
15 neighborliness that has long been the distinguishing
16 attribute of the relationship between the two countries.
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18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
19 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
20 That the United States Immigration and Naturalization
21 Service be requested to operate the port of entry station at
22 Roosville 24 hours each day.
23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
24 send copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State
25 of Montana, the Premier of the Province of British Columbia,

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- 1 the Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service,
- 2 and each member of Montana's Congressional Delegation.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
send copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State

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- 1 of Montana, the Premier of the Province of British Columbia,
- 2 the Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service,
- 3 and each member of Montana's Congressional Delegation.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the United States Immigration-and-Naturalization
CUSTOMS Service be requested to operate the port of entry
station at Roosville 24 hours each day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
send copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State

HJR 0002/03

1 of Montana, the Premier of the Province of British Columbia,
2 the Director of the Immigration-and-Naturalization CUSTOMS
3 Service, and each member of Montana's Congressional
4 Delegation.

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 2, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Highways and Transportation, having had under consideration HJR 2 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HJR 2 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

Sponsor: Peterson (Harp)

1. Page 2, line 21.

Following: "~~Naturalization~~"

Insert: "Immigration and Naturalization Service and the United States"

2. Page 3, line 2.

Strike: "Director of the"

Insert: "Commissioner of the United States"

3. Page 3, line 3.

Following: "Service,"

Insert: "the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service,"

AND AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN

Signed: _____

Sen. Tveit

Larry J. Tveit, Chairman

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the United States Immigration-and-Naturalization
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND THE UNITED STATES
CUSTOMS Service be requested to operate the port of entry
station at Roosville 24 hours each day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State

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3 the ~~Director--of--the~~ COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES
4 ~~Immigration--and---Naturalization~~ CUSTOMS Service, THE
5 COMMISSIONER OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
6 and each member of Montana's Congressional Delegation.

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