

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

INTRODUCED BY STICKNEY, HANSEN, BLOTKAMP,
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IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 15, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.
MARCH 16, 1989	FIRST READING.
MARCH 18, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 20, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
MARCH 30, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
MARCH 31, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
APRIL 1, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 91; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 3, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY.
	FIRST READING.
APRIL 5, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 10, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 12, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 49; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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APRIL 12, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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 19 number of Medicare recipients and not because physician fees
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 15 amounts to Medicare as citizens from other states, yet
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 18 Delegation be requested to take whatever action is necessary
 19 to correct this inequity.

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON
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