

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 7, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FISH & GAME.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 15, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 16, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 17, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 20, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 47; NOES, 3.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 19, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.
FEBRUARY 21, 1989	FIRST READING.
MARCH 10, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 15, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 17, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 74; NOES, 21.
	RETURNED TO SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 4, 1989

RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS  
CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 6, 1989

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS  
CONCURRED IN.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *16 Hoffman*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Steve D. Swanson, Anderson Bishop*  
 3 *Bob Brown* BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE *Jeff Smith*  
 4 *Yellowtail Buck Faniel* *HARP* *Facalison*  
 5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 10, 1989

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Education and Cultural Resources report that SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ted Scheyer Chairman

[REP. \_\_\_\_\_ WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 3, lines 10 through 12.

Following: "to" on line 10

Strike: remainder of line 10 through "to" on line 12

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