

2000 SESSION

INTRODUCED

005347844

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 103

Offered January 20, 2000

Memorializing Congress to provide federal funding for expansion of certain highway rest stops.

Patrons—McQuigg and Parrish; Senators: Barry and Colgan

Referred to Committee on Transportation

WHEREAS, it is a well-established fact that driver fatigue is a major factor contributing to highway accidents; and

WHEREAS, federal law prescribes limits on the number of continuous hours truckers may drive and the length of time they must rest before driving again; and

WHEREAS, one of the most convenient places where long-haul truckers could break their trip and get the rest they need to operate safely is rest stops along interstate highways; and

WHEREAS, this option is not realistically open to truckers, because the Commonwealth limits vehicle stays at these rest stops to no more than two hours; and

WHEREAS, the cost of motel rooms and the inability of many motel parking lots to accommodate large tractor-trailer combinations make use of motels an impractical option for truckers seeking to get their required rest as prescribed by federal law; and

WHEREAS, construction of additional interstate highway rest stops and expansion of existing facilities would enable truckers to comply with federal hours-of-service requirements safely and inexpensively, resulting in fewer highway accidents and improved safety for the motoring public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Congress be hereby memorialized to make available to the states increased federal financial resources for construction of additional interstate highway rest stops and expansion of existing rest stops; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the Virginia General Assembly in this matter.

INTRODUCED

HJ103