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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

Senate Joint Resolution

No. 1

Introduced by Senator Karnette

January 24, 2001

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1—Relative to daylight saving time.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 1, as amended, Karnette. Daylight saving time.

This measure would memorialize the Congress to approve legislation that allows a state to ~~uniformly apply daylight saving time year-round~~ *greater flexibility to use daylight saving time or other useful time configurations to combat the current energy crisis facing western states.*

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California is currently experiencing
2 an energy crisis that imperils commercial and residential energy
3 consumers throughout the state; and

4 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the State of California to
5 employ any and all means of energy reduction that will reduce
6 reliance and pressure on energy infrastructure in the State of
7 California; and

8 WHEREAS, Establishing daylight saving time as a uniform,
9 year-round time configuration would result in significant
10 reductions in energy use; and

11 WHEREAS, Daylight saving time ~~was a~~ *and double daylight*
12 *saving time were widely used 20th century energy reduction tool*

1 *tools* that can be expanded to meet 21st century energy shortages;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Federal government studies have shown that
4 ~~Daylight Saving Time~~ *daylight saving time* can reduce energy
5 consumption by approximately 1 percent annually; and

6 WHEREAS, Other federal ~~studies have~~ *data has* shown that
7 daylight saving time provides benefits in addition to energy use
8 reduction, such as safer streets ~~and highways during evening~~
9 ~~commute hours~~, *a net reduction in highway accidents*, and,
10 reduction in crime due to increased hours of light in the evenings;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The citizens of California are being asked to make
13 major changes in their personal and professional lives to conserve
14 energy and ~~would be grateful to receive the benefits~~ *could greatly*
15 *benefit from the advantages* of year-round daylight saving time ~~in~~
16 ~~return or double daylight saving time~~; and

17 ~~WHEREAS, Although neither standard time nor daylight~~
18 ~~saving time produce much energy reduction for the coldest states~~
19 ~~during the more frigid months of the year, California enjoys a~~

20 WHEREAS, *California enjoys a* temperate climate that ~~would~~
21 *could* afford greater reductions in energy use by utilizing a
22 year-round daylight saving time plan than could be enjoyed by the
23 coldest states; and

24 WHEREAS, The federal Uniform Time Act of 1966 allows
25 states to decline application of daylight saving time and provides
26 states with the option of practicing standard time year round, but
27 does not allow states to practice daylight saving time year round;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, By applying daylight saving time uniformly, *or by*
30 *limiting the amount of clock changes to mirror the current system*,
31 the State of California could avoid any inconsistencies in time
32 application that would otherwise impact ~~and~~ *or* confuse the
33 broadcasting, rail, airline and motorcoach industries; and

34 WHEREAS, The State of California would greatly benefit from
35 having the option of extending daylight saving time year round;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, The State of California should have at its disposal
38 any and every appropriate tool to triumph during this energy crisis;
39 now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California,*
2 *jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully*
3 *memorializes the Congress of the United States to approve*
4 *legislation, such as H.R. 704, that allows a state to uniformly apply*
5 *daylight saving time year-round greater flexibility to use daylight*
6 *saving time or other useful time configurations to combat the*
7 *current energy crisis facing western states; and be it further*

8 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
9 *this resolution to the President of the United States, Members of*
10 *the United States Congress, the Secretary of the United States*
11 *Department of Energy, the Governor of the State of California, the*
12 *California State Energy Resources Conservation and*
13 *Development Commission, and the California Public Utilities*
14 *Commission.*

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