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**Senate Joint Resolution**

**No. 1**

**Introduced by Senator Karnette**

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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.

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~~

1 WHEREAS, Daylight saving time was a widely used 20th  
2 century energy reduction tool that can be expanded to meet 21st  
3 century energy shortages; and

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

7 *WHEREAS, A report by the California State Energy Resources*  
8 *Conservation and Development Commission, issued May 2001*  
9 *and entitled "Effects of Daylight Saving Time on California*  
10 *Energy Use," indicates that winter daylight saving time, as that*  
11 *term is defined in the report, would likely reduce electricity use by*  
12 *3,400 megawatt hours per day and that summer double daylight*  
13 *saving time, as that term is defined in the report, would likely*  
14 *reduce electricity use by 1,500 megawatt hours per day, producing*  
15 *a cost savings of \$300,000,000 to \$1,025,000,000 per year for*  
16 *California ratepayers; and*

17 ~~WHEREAS, Other federal~~ *Federal* studies have shown that  
18 daylight saving time provides benefits in addition to energy use  
19 reduction, such as safer streets and highways during evening  
20 commute hours and reduction in crime due to increased hours of  
21 light in the evenings; and

22 WHEREAS, The citizens of California are being asked to make  
23 major changes in their personal and professional lives to conserve  
24 energy and would be grateful to receive the benefits of year-round  
25 daylight saving time in return; and

26 WHEREAS, Although neither standard time nor daylight  
27 saving time produce much energy reduction for the coldest states  
28 during the more frigid months of the year, California enjoys a  
29 temperate climate that would afford greater reductions in energy  
30 use by utilizing a year-round daylight saving time plan than could  
31 be enjoyed by the coldest states; and

32 WHEREAS, The federal Uniform Time Act of 1966 allows  
33 states to decline application of daylight saving time and provides  
34 states with the option of practicing standard time year round, but  
35 does not allow states to practice daylight saving time year round;  
36 and

37 WHEREAS, By applying daylight saving time uniformly, the  
38 State of California could avoid any inconsistencies in time  
39 application that would otherwise impact and confuse the  
40 broadcasting, rail, airline and motorcoach industries; and



1 WHEREAS, The State of California would greatly benefit from  
2 having the option of extending daylight saving time year round;  
3 and

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

7 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California,*  
8 *jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully  
9 memorializes the Congress of the United States to approve  
10 legislation that allows a state to uniformly apply daylight saving  
11 time year round; and be it further

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

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