

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 52

Introduced by Assembly Member McClintock
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 52—Relative to fuel tax.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 52, as introduced, McClintock. Fuel tax.

This measure would memorialize the President and the Congress to repeal the 1993 federal tax increase on fuels.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The family car is a basic necessity for
2 nearly all Californians and reasonable fuel pricing is
3 essential to the health of the California economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Consumers in the State of California are
5 alarmed by rising fuel prices even in a time of economic
6 prosperity, prices which include federal excise taxes; and

7 WHEREAS, Congressman Pombo has introduced H.R.
8 No. 3844 to repeal the 4.3 cent per gallon tax increase
9 enacted as a part of the Clinton/Gore 1993 tax increase;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, H.R. No. 3844 would repeal the 1993 tax
12 increase on all diesel fuel, kerosene, and compressed
13 natural gas; and

14 WHEREAS, This federal legislation would affect every
15 automobile on the road today, motorboats, and trains, by
16 replacing the current tax on highway motor fuels with the

1 lower rate that was in effect before the 1993 Clinton tax
2 increase; and

3 WHEREAS, H.R. No. 3844 would eliminate the
4 compressed natural gas tax; and

5 WHEREAS, This bill would not adversely affect the
6 infrastructure of transportation, as these federal taxes are
7 diverted directly into the General Fund and not
8 earmarked for specific transportation expenses; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of*
11 *California, jointly,* That the California Legislature
12 hereby expresses its serious concern with the high level
13 of taxes levied on highway fuel in the State of California,
14 and does therefore support H.R. No. 3844; and be it
15 further

16 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
17 transmit copies of this resolution to the President and
18 Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives, and to each Senator and
20 Representative from California in the Congress of the
21 United States.

