

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 introduced, 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

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

14 WHEREAS, Federal government studies have shown that
15 Daylight Saving Time can reduce energy consumption by
16 approximately 1 percent annually; and

1 WHEREAS, Other federal studies have shown that daylight
2 saving time provides benefits in addition to energy use reduction,
3 such as safer streets and highways during evening commute hours
4 and reduction in crime due to increased hours of light in the
5 evenings; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Although neither standard time nor daylight
11 saving time produce much energy reduction for the coldest states
12 during the more frigid months of the year, California enjoys a
13 temperate climate that would afford greater reductions in energy
14 use by utilizing a year-round daylight saving time plan than could
15 be enjoyed by the coldest states; and

16 WHEREAS, The federal Uniform Time Act of 1966 allows
17 states to decline application of daylight saving time and provides
18 states with the option of practicing standard time year-round, but
19 does not allow states to practice daylight saving time year-round;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, By applying daylight saving time uniformly, the
22 State of California could avoid any inconsistencies in time
23 application that would otherwise impact and confuse the
24 broadcasting, rail, airline and motorcoach industries; and

25 WHEREAS, The State of California would greatly benefit from
26 having the option of extending daylight saving time year-round;
27 and

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

31 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California,*
32 *jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully
33 memorializes the Congress of the United States to approve
34 legislation that allows a state to uniformly apply daylight saving
35 time year-round; and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
37 this resolution to the President of the United States, Members of
38 the United States Congress, the Secretary of the United States
39 Department of Energy, the Governor of the State of California, the

- 1 California Energy Resources Conservation and Development
- 2 Commission, and the California Public Utilities Commission.

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