

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Longer combination vehicles-compact agreement.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dv. and
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A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to eliminate the
2 freeze on longer combination vehicles and consent to the
3 creation of a voluntary compact between Western states that
4 will establish uniform size and weight limits, routes,
5 configuration and operating conditions for longer
6 combination vehicles.

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8 WHEREAS, one of the most significant ways to improve
9 freight system performance on the highways of the western
10 United States is through the use of more efficient trucks
11 and truck combinations; and

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13 WHEREAS, over the past two (2) decades, longer combination
14 vehicles (LCVs), which are tractor-trailer combinations
15 with two (2) or more trailers that have a gross vehicle
16 weight exceeding eighty thousand (80,000) pounds, have

1 demonstrated considerable benefits to the general public
2 through increased productivity, higher safety ratings,
3 increased fuel savings, emissions reductions and congestion
4 mitigation; and

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6 WHEREAS, a Federal Highway Administration freeze on state
7 authority to expand the use of LCVs has been in place since
8 1991, and since that time there has been substantial
9 population, traffic congestion and vehicle registration
10 growth and a significant increase in vehicle miles traveled
11 and vehicle emissions; and

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13 WHEREAS, eliminating the freeze on LCVs for the affected
14 states, including Wyoming, will give these states the
15 flexibility to establish uniformity in LCV oversight and
16 find ways to benefit from LCV operations in each of the
17 affected states and throughout the western United States;
18 and

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20 WHEREAS, consenting to a voluntary compact or agreement
21 between the states of Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana,
22 Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South
23 Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming will allow

1 these states to establish uniform size and weight limits
2 for LCVs, which are not to exceed one hundred twenty-nine
3 thousand (129,000) pounds gross vehicle combination weight
4 or one hundred (100) foot cargo carrying length, and adopt
5 LCV routes, configurations and operating conditions.

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7 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
8 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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10 **Section 1.** That Congress is urged to lift the freeze
11 on longer commercial vehicles for the affected Western
12 states, including Wyoming, in order to take advantage of
13 new transportation strategies to improve highway efficiency
14 and reduce vehicle miles traveled, traffic congestion, fuel
15 consumption and air pollution emissions.

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17 **Section 2.** That Congress consent to the creation of a
18 voluntary compact or agreement between the states of
19 Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico,
20 Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah,
21 Washington and Wyoming that will establish uniform LCV size
22 capacity, routes, configurations and operating conditions.

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1 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
3 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
5 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
6 Delegation.

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