

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6017

A RESOLUTION urging the United States congress to repeal 23 U.S.C. § 127(d) concerning the federal freeze on more productive trucks and allow Kansas to determine the appropriate vehicle size and weight limits necessary for the economic needs of the state.

WHEREAS, The United States congress approved 23 U.S.C. § 127(d) on June 1, 1991, which froze the truck size and weight limits to those weights and lengths that were being operated at such time; and

WHEREAS, Operation of more productive vehicles has been frozen by federal law for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, The custom harvesting industry requested that the legislature approve additional length for their combination vehicles and were informed of the federal freeze and the potential loss of federal highway funds to Kansas should the freeze be violated; and

WHEREAS, States should have the flexibility to adopt vehicle size and weight laws necessary for the economic growth for the state and region; and

WHEREAS, The Western Governors' Association has approved a policy resolution urging congress to lift the freeze on more productive trucks for the 13 western states: Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Any change in vehicle size and weight laws must be adopted by both the Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas Senate and approved by the Governor: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we urge the United States congress to repeal 23 U.S.C. § 127(d) and eliminate the freeze on more productive trucks, thereby allowing Kansas to respond to new technology and new vehicle size and weight requirements.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*