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H. RES. 1178

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 1974

Mr. SHOUR submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

RESOLUTION

Whereas the vital interests of the United States have been gravely imperiled by insufficiencies of various fuels; and

Whereas the best evidence available indicates an indefinite continuation of fuel scarcity; and

Whereas it is the stated policy of the United States Government to attain self-sufficiency in energy by the end of this decade; and

Whereas it is the stated policy of the United States Government to protect and enhance the environment; and

Whereas transportation is a service which is vital to our entire economy; and

Whereas railroads are an indispensable part of our transportation system; and

Whereas railroad locomotives which rely on electricity as their sole source of power are more energy efficient than those which consume diesel or other petroleum fuels; and

Whereas there are as yet unknown environmental implications of further and continued use of diesel fuels as opposed to the use of electrical power; and

Whereas certain railroads are contemplating deelectrifying all or part of their systems; and

Whereas certain railroads are contemplating and studying conversion to electrified systems: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of Congress assembled that
2 for a period of two years following the passage of this resolu-
3 tion there be a moratorium on deelectrification of railroads;
4 and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the departments and agencies of the Fed-
6 eral Government make funds available for studies of the
7 energy efficiency and environmental implications of de-
8 electrification and electrification of railroads.

RESOLUTION

To declare a moratorium on the deelectrification
of rail lines and study all implications of
electrification of railroads.

By Mr. SHOUR

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