

HCR 10 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ***10***

A RESOLUTION calling for the repeal of the Jones Act.

SPONSORS: Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Belcher, Carr. 4; Rep.
D. McGuire, Merr. 14; Rep. Nalevanko, Ches. 9

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This concurrent resolution calls for the repeal of the Jones Act.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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1 Whereas, for over 100 years, a federal law known as Jones Act has restricted water
2 transportation of cargo between U.S. ports to ships that are U.S.-owned, U.S.-crewed, U.S.-
3 registered, and U.S.-built to the detriment of national security considerations, and

4 Whereas, the U.S. economy endures artificially inflated shipping costs because the transport of
5 cargo between U.S. ports and within the country's vast inland waterways is off-limits to foreign
6 competition and domestic shipping firms must pay vastly higher prices for the ships they use, and

7 Whereas, mandating the use of domestic tankers to transport oil significantly increases energy
8 costs, and

9 Whereas, by forcing more carbon-intensive surface transportation methods into use, the Jones
10 Act is responsible for creating unnecessary environmental costs, and

11 Whereas, artificially inflated waterborne shipping rates increase demand for alternative forms of
12 transportation, including trucking, rail, and pipeline services, raising those modes' rates and
13 inflating business costs throughout the supply chain, and

14 Whereas, the Jones Act promotes protectionism at the expense of competition causing the
15 American shipbuilding industry to fail to keep pace with demands and requirements; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 Resolved by the House or Representatives, the Senate concurring:

18 That the New Hampshire House of Representatives supports the reformation of the Jones Act,
19 and that copies of this resolution be delivered to the president of the United States, the majority and
20 minority leaders in both houses of Congress, the New Hampshire congressional delegation, and the
21 governor of the state of New Hampshire.