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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 H. adopted
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3 A Concurrent Resolution relating to border city truck-
4 ing agreements.

5 WHEREAS, in the early 1970s the states of Iowa,
6 Nebraska, and South Dakota developed border city
7 agreements which allowed for the free flow of trade
8 among the states; and

9 WHEREAS, these compacts allowed farmers, truckers,
10 and other business people to cross state boundaries;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, federal regulations have required states
13 to prohibit divisible loads with a gross weight in
14 excess of 80,000 pounds on interstate highways; and

15 WHEREAS, states were allowed grandfather rights if
16 the state had authorized heavier loads or had issued
17 overweight permits for divisible loads in effect on
18 July 1, 1956; and

19 WHEREAS, Iowa did not allow heavier loads or issue
20 overweight permits as of July 1, 1956, and therefore
21 is not eligible for grandfather rights; and

22 WHEREAS, the federal Highway Administration will
23 not allow Iowa to change its laws without imposition
24 of sanctions; and

25 WHEREAS, the states of Nebraska and South Dakota
26 have grandfather provisions which allow the use of
27 divisible loads in excess of 80,000 pounds; and

28 WHEREAS, one example of the problem is the movement
29 of livestock into the Sioux City stockyards from
30 Nebraska and South Dakota in trailers which exceed

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1 Iowa's legal gross weight of 80,000 pounds, although
2 the vehicles are otherwise within legal requirements
3 per axle; and

4 WHEREAS, because such vehicles are not legal in
5 Iowa, farmers are forced to lighten their loads or
6 truck their livestock to terminals farther away; and

7 WHEREAS, this increases costs, reduces profits, and
8 adversely affects border city stockyards; and

9 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States
10 Department of Transportation, Federico Pena, has
11 stated that he does not have the authority to grant
12 Iowa a waiver from the federal regulations; NOW
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
16 Assembly requests that a federal waiver be authorized
17 to allow the state of Iowa to update the border city
18 agreement so that trucks may enter Iowa's western
19 boundaries to load and unload without violating Iowa's
20 weight restrictions; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
22 resolution be sent to the President of the United
23 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
24 of Representatives, and to members of Iowa's
25 congressional delegation.

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