

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117  
2 BY HAHN, MERTZ, WELTER, DRAKE, GREIG,  
3 RAYHONS, MEYER, HUSEMAN, DOLECHECK, BOGGESS,  
4 BRUNKHORST, BRAUNS, ARNOLD, SUKUP, DIX, KLEMME,  
5 MARTIN, JENKINS, VAN FOSSEN, CHURCHILL, HOUSER,  
6 KREMER, TYRRELL, VAN MAANEN, GREINER, GRIES,  
7 METCALF, WEIDMAN, BARRY, BODDICKER, GIPP,  
8 VANDE HOEF, LORD, HEATON, HANSEN, LARSON,  
9 BLODGETT, CORMACK, HOLMES, THOMSON, VEENSTRA,  
10 GRUNDBERG, SIEGRIST, NELSON, TEIG, RANTS, CARROLL,  
11 CORBETT, KOENIGS, SCHERRMAN, FALCK, TAYLOR, MAY,  
12 DREES, KREIMAN, FREVERT, MUNDIE, REYNOLDS-KNIGHT,  
13 OSTERHAUS, SCHRADER, WISE, MASCHER, KINZER,  
14 WARNSTADT, MURPHY, CONNORS, MORELAND, COHOON,  
15 THOMAS, DOTZLER, FOEGE, SHOULTZ, JOCHUM, BELL,  
16 BRAND, MYERS, CHAPMAN, CHIODO, BERNAU, BUKTA,  
17 HOLVECK, and RICHARDSON

18 A House Concurrent Resolution requesting that the  
19 legislative council establish an interim study  
20 committee to consider increasing the percent of  
21 oxygen by weight in motor vehicle fuel.

22 WHEREAS, more than 40 percent of this nation's air  
23 pollution is caused by vehicles, emitting a variety of  
24 petroleum-based pollutants which endanger the public's  
25 health and natural environment, including harmful  
26 organic vapors, benzene and other aromatics, nitrogen  
27 oxides, particulate matter in the form of smoke and  
28 soot, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide; and

29 WHEREAS, motor vehicle fuel which includes a higher  
30 percent of oxygen enhances octane levels and provides

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1 better fuel combustion resulting in reduced levels of  
2 harmful pollutants; and

3 WHEREAS, members of the Iowa House of  
4 Representatives and Iowa Senate have long supported  
5 the production of ethanol as a vital component in  
6 promoting clean air, supporting this state's economy,  
7 and reducing imported nonrenewable energy sources; and

8 WHEREAS, this state has long championed industries  
9 which add value to agricultural commodities produced  
10 by farmers in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, persons involved in the production and  
12 processing of corn in Iowa significantly contribute to  
13 the wealth of this nation by supporting the production  
14 of agricultural commodities and value-added products;  
15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
17 SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is  
18 requested to establish an interim study committee to  
19 consider the percent of oxygen by weight currently  
20 contained in motor vehicle fuel, its effects on this  
21 state's economy, public health, and natural  
22 environment, and to investigate methods to increase  
23 the oxygenate content in motor vehicle fuel in  
24 appropriate circumstances; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study  
26 committee submit its findings and recommendations,  
27 including any proposed legislation, for consideration  
28 by the 1999 Session of the Seventy-eighth General  
29 Assembly.

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