

State of Wyoming



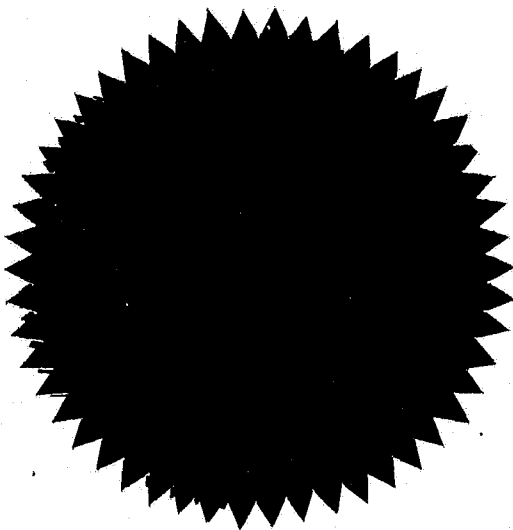
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

United States of America, }
State of Wyoming } ss.

I, THYRA THOMSON, Secretary of State of the State of Wyoming, do hereby certify

that the attached is a true and correct copy of Enrolled Joint Resolution No. 2 of the Wyoming House of Representatives relating to railroad rates, which is being forwarded to you in accordance with the instructions of the Wyoming State Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming. Done at
Cheyenne, the Capital, this 7th day of
March A. D. 1985



Thyra Thomson
Secretary of State

By *Linda Norman*

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PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER)

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

DATE: 2-8-85

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ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 0004

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
1985 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to railroad rates; requesting Congress to enact legislation to protect captive shippers from unreasonable rates charged by railroads having a monopoly and to establish procedures to require such railroads to show the reasonableness of rates charged.

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Staggers Rail Act of 1980 to provide for the deregulation of competitive rail traffic; and

WHEREAS, Congress in the Staggers Rail Act also provided certain protections for captive shippers against the exercise of monopoly power by the railroads; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Commerce Commission has failed to implement the protections for captive shippers provided in the Staggers Rail Act; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Commerce Commission has implemented the Staggers Rail Act in such a way that captive shippers cannot effectively challenge the reasonableness of rail rates; and

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled exercise of monopolistic pricing power by railroads has resulted in excessive rates and has seriously affected the markets for coal, trona, agricultural and other products and other commodities produced in Wyoming and other states; and

WHEREAS, the demand for Wyoming coal and other commodities will continue to be depressed by unreasonably high rail rates, thereby affecting the Wyoming economy generally through the loss of jobs and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the protection of captive shippers is not inconsistent with the maintenance of a strong and viable railroad system;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the members of the Wyoming legislature urge Congress to enact legislation that will provide captive shippers with workable protections against unreasonably high rates imposed by railroads exercising monopolistic powers and establish fair and equitable procedures which require the railroads to establish the reasonableness of such rates or which allow effective competition so the free market may establish more reasonable rates.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State and presiding officers of the houses of the legislature of each of the other states in the Union, to the President, and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from Wyoming in the Congress of the United States, to the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to the Secretary of the United States Senate.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

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