

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESHJM 4011

As Passed Legislature

Brief Description: Requesting federal legislation to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler, Warnick, Haler, Kretz, Hinkle, Orcutt, Newhouse, Lantz, McCune, Kristiansen, Haigh, B. Sullivan and Dunn).

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development
Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

Background:

Right-to-Ride bills have been introduced in the U.S. Congress several times, but have never successfully passed both houses. The Right-to-Ride bills have sought to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on land administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service where there was a historical tradition of the use of pack and saddle stock animals.

Summary:

The U.S. Congress and the President of the United States are requested to enact a law preserving the access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands where there is a historical tradition of access. In addition, the law should require federal agencies to comply with the full National Environmental Policy Act review process before implementing proposed reductions in the access of pack and saddle stock animals.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	96	0
Senate	46	0