

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SJM 8031

As Reported By House Committee On:
Natural Resources & Parks

Title: An act relating to the preservation of Sunrise Lodge.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser, Deccio, Talmadge, Morton, McCaslin and Roach.

Brief History:

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Natural Resources & Parks, February 25, 1994, DP.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 11 members:
Representatives Pruitt, Chair; R. Johnson, Vice Chair;
Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; McMorris, Assistant
Ranking Minority Member; Dunshee; Linville; Schoesler;
Sheldon; B. Thomas; Valle and Wolfe.

Staff: Linda Byers (786-7129).

Background: The Sunrise Lodge in Mt. Rainier National Park was built in 1931 by a concessionaire and was later acquired by the National Park Service. The lodge is a component of the Sunrise Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

In a draft environmental assessment/development concept plan for the Sunrise area, the National Park Service recommends dismantling the lodge.

Summary of Bill: The memorial asks the National Park Service to reconsider its decision to demolish Sunrise Lodge and instead to work with local and statewide interests to preserve the structure.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Testimony For: Residents in this state with an interest in historic preservation asked for this memorial. The lodge is lovely, and this may help preserve it.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Senator Karen Fraser, prime sponsor (pro).