HOUSE BILL REPORT SJM 8023

As Reported By House Committee On: Transportation

Brief Description: Requesting the department of transportation to name an overpass after Senator Matson.

Sponsors: Senators Deccio, Owen, Newhouse, Sellar, Snyder, Bauer, McCaslin, A. Anderson, Prince, Rasmussen, Roach, C. Anderson, Cantu, Drew, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Fraser, Goings, Hale, Hargrove, Haugen, Heavey, Hochstatter, Johnson, Kohl, Long, Loveland, McAuliffe, McDonald, Morton, Moyer, Oke, Palmer, Pelz, Prentice, Quigley, Rinehart, Schow, Sheldon, Smith, Spanel, Strannigan, Sutherland, Swecker, Thibaudeau, West, Winsley, Wojahn, Wood and Zarelli.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/15/96 [DP].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 24 members: Representatives K. Schmidt, Chairman; Benton, Vice Chairman; Mitchell, Vice Chairman; Skinner, Vice Chairman; R. Fisher, Ranking Minority Member; Hatfield, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Blanton; Brown; Buck; Cairnes; Elliot; Hankins; Horn; Johnson; McMahan; Ogden; Patterson; Quall; Robertson; Romero; Scott; Sterk and Tokuda.

Staff: Gary Lebow (786-7304).

Background: Senator James T. Matson (R) served the people of the 14th District and the state of Washington as a member of the Washington State Senate from 1969 to 1981 and 1989 to 1993. From 1977 to 1979 Senator Matson served as Republican Minority Leader and, more recently, chairman of the Labor and Commerce Committee in 1991 and 1992.

Summary of Bill: The state Department of Transportation is requested to name the overpass at Selah, Washington, after Senator James T. Matson.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Testimony For: Senator Matson was a great legislator and a good friend. He is very deserving of this honor. We urge your support of this memorial.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Irv Newhouse, 15th District; Jim Halstrom, Washington State Horticultural Association; Bruce Allen, Washington State Horticultural Association; Lowell Lancaster, Yakima Valley Growers/Shippers; Bill Fritz, Washington Food Processors Council; Mrs. Jim (Patty) Matson; Representative Jim Clements, 14th District; Secretary Sid Morrison, Department of Transportation; and Dick Ducharme, Yakima Growers and Shippers.