
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8413

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By Senator Prentice

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1 WHEREAS, The marketing of motor fuel has a direct impact on all the
2 citizens of the state; and

3 WHEREAS, Promoting fair competition in motor fuel marketing is in
4 the public interest; and

5 WHEREAS, The practice of selling petroleum below cost in order to
6 attract patronage can be a form of deceptive advertising and an unfair
7 method of competition in commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, This practice potentially causes commercial dislocations,
9 misleads the consumer, and diverts business from dealers who maintain
10 a fair price policy; and

11 WHEREAS, Subsidized pricing can be an inherently predatory
12 practice;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
14 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
15 select committee on petroleum marketing be established to study the
16 possibility that below-cost sales of petroleum may have an
17 anticompetitive effect, examine petroleum marketing practices, evaluate
18 whether and to what extent below-cost sales may constitute deceptive
19 advertising or unfair competition, and examine existing laws and the
20 shortcomings of those laws to effectively address below-cost selling;
21 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of four members
2 on the senate committee on labor, commerce and financial institutions
3 and four members on the house of representatives committee on commerce
4 and labor and two members from each caucus; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee will report its findings
6 to the legislature on or before December 1, 2001.

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