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3 By Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

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5 Strike everything after line 6 and insert the following:

6 "WHEREAS, The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act was put
7 into effect to protect this great resource that the states of
8 Washington and Oregon share; and

9 WHEREAS, The intent and planning of the Act has been implemented by
10 both states and by the gorge counties in both states; and

11 WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington who live in the gorge planning
12 area have been denied full liberty and hindered in their pursuit of
13 happiness because of excessive regulations developed under the guise of
14 the Act; and

15 WHEREAS, The counties within the gorge planning area have been
16 plagued by excessive regulations adopted by the Columbia River Gorge
17 Commission even though the counties have planned and continue to plan
18 in accordance with the Act;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully ask Congress to hold
20 public oversight hearings on the impacts of the Columbia River Gorge
21 National Scenic Area Act and its implementation on the citizens and the
22 counties within the area covered by the Act.

23 BE IT RESOLVED, That your Memorialists respectfully ask Congress to
24 amend the Act by:

25 (1) Directing the Columbia River Gorge Commission to continue to
26 improve cooperation and to assist counties in implementing the Act,
27 acting with an attitude of service rather than an attitude of control;
28 and

29 (2) Providing for the election of the county members of the
30 Columbia River Gorge Commission by the residents of those counties on
31 both sides of the river; and

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
33 transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
34 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
35 State of Washington."

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