SENATE RESOLUTION 1991-8663

By Senator Roach

WHEREAS, Flooding of homes has occurred around Horseshoe Lake in King County; and

WHEREAS, The cause of the rising lake level has not been determined; and

WHEREAS, Horseshoe Lake has been the subject of numerous studies regarding this mysterious problem; and

WHEREAS, Flooding conditions are continuing to worsen, thus damaging homes, threatening public roads, and destroying septic tank systems with accompanying health risks from raw sewage; and

WHEREAS, Numerous proposals have been offered for solutions, but governmental agencies with the resources to help have been slow to respond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate respectfully requests Governor Booth Gardner to immediately offer all possible state assistance to the King County Executive and to King County Fire Protection District 44 in an effort to help the flood victims of the Horseshoe Lake area to combat the emergency associated with the rising lake level. Such assistance is encouraged to include, but not be limited to, offers of (1) technical advice from state experts as to how best to quickly lower the lake level, thus responding to the immediate threat; (2) technical advice with respect to determining the root cause of the problem and how best to achieve a long-term permanent solution; (3) a loan of equipment needed to effect a lowering of the lake level, such as a high-capacity pump capable of delivering 6000 gallons per minute and the attendant piping; and (4) coordination with other key emergency care providers such as the National Guard, and Army Corps of Engineers, and the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Department of Community Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution shall be presented to Governor Booth Gardner, King County Executive Tim Hill, and King County Fire Protection District 44.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1991-8663, adopted by the Senate April 16, 1991.

GORDON A. GOLOB Secretary of the Senate