

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 77

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 164

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 77—Relative to the Forest Tax Relief Act.

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AJR 77, Granlund. Forest Tax Relief Act.

This measure would memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to enact the "Forest Tax Relief Act," which would repeal legislation authorizing the United States Forest Service to implement a pilot program charging visitors of the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino national forests specified daily and yearly fees to park on national forest lands.

WHEREAS, In 1996, Congress authorized the United States Forest Service to charge visitors to the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino national forests daily and yearly fees to obtain a permit to park on forest land, and issue citations for the failure to obtain such a permit; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of California pay for the operation and maintenance of the national forests through the payment of federal income taxes; and are again charged a fee to park in those forests, which amounts to a double tax; and

WHEREAS, The imposition of parking fees at the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino national forests constitutes an unjustified tax that has the effect of deterring individuals from visiting and enjoying our national forests, and is producing only half of the revenues projected for parking fees at those national forests; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly; That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to enact the "Forest Tax Relief Act," which would repeal legislation authorizing the United States Forest Service to implement a pilot program charging visitors of the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino national forests specified daily and yearly fees to park on national forest lands; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.