

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 66

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator CIESLA

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the President and the Congress of the
2 United States to restore funding in the Fiscal Year 1997 federal budget for
3 shore protection, beach replenishment, and harbor and navigation
4 maintenance projects along the New Jersey shore.

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6 WHEREAS, The President of the United States' Fiscal Year 1997 budget
7 proposal includes a significant reduction in funding for ongoing shore
8 protection, beach replenishment, and harbor and navigation maintenance
9 projects in New Jersey; and

10 WHEREAS, The completion of these projects is essential to preserving a State
11 and national resource, and can be accomplished only with the assistance
12 of the federal government; and

13 WHEREAS, New Jersey, in establishing a \$15 million annual Shore Protection
14 Fund, has clearly committed State funding to assist in the replenishment and
15 preservation of beaches along the New Jersey shore; and

16 WHEREAS, Tourism is the State's second largest industry, and the billions of
17 dollars in tourism spending in the coastal area constitutes approximately
18 one-half of the total tourism spending in the State; and

19 WHEREAS, The proposed budget reduction, if realized, would have a
20 disastrous effect on the shore tourism economy, including the potential loss
21 of thousands of jobs directly and indirectly related to the tourism industry,
22 on property values, and on State and local tax revenues; now, therefore,

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24 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General
25 Assembly concurring):

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27 1. The President and the Congress of the United States are respectfully
28 urged to restore funding in the Fiscal Year 1997 federal budget for shore
29 protection, beach replenishment, and harbor and navigation maintenance
30 projects along the New Jersey shore.

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32 2. Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution, signed by the
33 President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, and signed by
34 the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall
35 be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the

1 Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the
2 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader
3 and the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, every
4 Member of Congress elected from this State, the Commander and Chief of
5 Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the
6 Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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STATEMENT

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11 This concurrent resolution urges the President and the Congress of the
12 United States to restore funding in the Fiscal Year 1997 federal budget for
13 shore protection, beach replenishment, and harbor and navigation maintenance
14 projects along the New Jersey shore.

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Urges President and Congress to restore federal shore protection funding.