

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to temporarily amend cargo carrying truck length and  
2 weight restrictions on state highways and interstates that are a part of the National Network to  
3 allow North Dakota and surrounding states to conduct a road train pilot program and to  
4 permanently amend the restrictions to allow road trains on the National Network highways and  
5 interstates if the pilot program is successful.

6 **WHEREAS**, the National Network is an approved network of state highways and interstates  
7 in the United States for use by large trucks and commercial truck drivers; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the National Network supports interstate commerce by regulating the size of  
9 trucks operating on the National Network through a federal cargo carrying length limitation of  
10 approximately 100 feet depending on truck configuration and a federal cargo carrying weight  
11 limitation of approximately 80,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; and

12 **WHEREAS**, grandfathered provisions in operation in the state at the time federal  
13 regulations were enacted provide trucks in North Dakota may be up to 110 feet in overall length  
14 and 105,500 pounds gross vehicle weight on permissible routes; and

15 **WHEREAS**, trucks operating on the 129,000 pound Limited Transportation Network may be  
16 up to 129,000 pounds gross vehicle weight on certain routes; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the United States is experiencing a shortage of approximately 900,000 truck  
18 drivers with commercial driver's licenses; and

19 **WHEREAS**, railroad infrastructure has diminished by approximately 40 percent between  
20 1920 and 2017, from 5,400 miles of track to 3,330 miles of track; and

21 **WHEREAS**, it is becoming more difficult to move increasing demands for freight and  
22 commodities in a timely and efficient manner due, in part, to the shortage of commercial truck  
23 drivers and the reduced railroad infrastructure; and

