

# House Joint Memorial 5

Sponsored by Representatives BOQUIST, KROPF (at the request of Greg Addington of Oregon Farm Bureau)

## SUMMARY

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Urges President of United States and United States Congress to appropriate moneys for contracts with farmers to grow crops for Canada geese.

Urges United States Fish and Wildlife Service to develop timeline and program to reduce number of wintering Canada geese in Oregon.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas migratory and resident Canada geese cause a significant negative economic effect to agricultural crops in Oregon; and

Whereas goose depredation of seed and grain yields is a serious issue for farmers and calls for a comprehensive solution; and

Whereas goose feces pose a health and safety risk to humans and to livestock; and

Whereas in 1998 the Pacific Flyway Council developed a management plan for Canada goose depredation control; and

Whereas federal funding for research, monitoring, program development and damage assistance has been inadequate to meet the needs specified in the management plan; and

Whereas there is pressure from some federal agencies to increase the numbers of geese in some subspecies; now, therefore,

### **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

(1) The President of the United States and the United States Congress are respectfully urged to appropriate sufficient funds to the United States Department of Agriculture to contract with farmers in Oregon and Washington to purchase growing crops to feed Canada geese.

(2) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is urged to develop a program and timeline to reduce the number of wintering Canada geese in Oregon to the levels agreed upon in the 1998 Pacific Flyway Council management plan.

(3) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is urged to adopt the following principles as part of any program and timeline developed:

(a) The Canada goose population should be reduced so that there are fewer geese on agricultural lands.

(b) Statewide hunting opportunities should be maximized and hunting should be maintained at a level that will effectively harass geese from agricultural lands.

(c) Game bird refuges should be maintained at optimal levels to attract geese to the refuges.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (d) Game bird refuges should be farmed with crops that will attract and feed waterfowl.

2 (e) Stable funding should be sought for programs that pay for damage to seed and grain crops.

3 (4) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States and to each  
4 member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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