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1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 25

March 7, 1995 - Introduced by Committee on Environment and Utilities. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** requesting Congress to suspend the requirement that reformulated 2 gasoline be sold in Southeastern Wisconsin. 3 Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has received 900 telephone calls and the federal Environmental Protection Agency has received 2,000 4 calls from state residents complaining that reformulated gasoline may be causing 5 6 illness among motorists in Southeastern Wisconsin, with symptoms including 7 headaches, dizziness, rashes and nausea; and 8 Whereas, hundreds of motorists have reported that reformulated gasoline has 9 caused a marked reduction in the performance of their automobiles, including 10 damage to small and other engines and fuel mileage decreases of up to 25%; and Whereas, the use of reformulated gasoline may cause damage to fuel pumps, 11 which has prompted an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, 12 13 Trade and Consumer Protection; and 14 Whereas, the price increase for reformulated gasoline over regular gasoline is

Whereas, the price increase for reformulated gasoline over regular gasoline is as much as 14 cents per gallon, leading to investigations by Attorney General James Doyle and also by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; and

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Whereas, according to press reports, intervention and intense lobbying by the petroleum industry and by oxygenated fuels producers caused EPA to reverse its decision and to reject Wisconsin's recent request for temporary suspension of the use of reformulated gasoline; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the Senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature urge Congress to take prompt action that would give Southeastern Wisconsin effective relief from the requirement to use reformulated gasoline through the various legislative proposals introduced by Congressmen Kleczka, Barrett, Petri, Neuman and Sensenbrenner and U.S. Senator Feingold that would suspend either temporarily or permanently the use of reformulated gasoline; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.

14 (END)