



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 39

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1 **Relating to:** requesting Congress to enact legislation to allow states to control the
2 interstate shipment of solid waste.

3 Whereas, the amount of solid waste generated in the United States more than
4 doubled from 1960 to 1990; and

5 Whereas, in the next 15 years, 80% of the landfills that were operating in 1989
6 will be filled; and

7 Whereas, Congress, to date, has refused to address nonhazardous solid waste
8 regulation on a national level; and

9 Whereas, in 1989 this state passed a recycling law that prohibited the disposal
10 of recyclable material in Wisconsin landfills unless the municipality generating the
11 waste had a mandatory recycling program in place; and this applied to
12 municipalities both in Wisconsin and outside of Wisconsin; and

13 Whereas, the recycling law also required states that ship waste to Wisconsin
14 to have effective landfill siting programs in place; and

15 Whereas, the U.S. district court for the western district of Wisconsin ruled that
16 both of those provisions violated the U.S. Constitution's commerce clause; and

