

Senate Resolution 193

By: Senator Ragan of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to support legislation which would provide for the
2 reclassifying of water well drilling vehicles and equipment as agricultural equipment under
3 the commercial driver's license (CDL) statute; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, water well drilling contractors are extremely small construction contractors who
5 drill water wells for individuals, cities, counties, industry, and farmers; and

6 WHEREAS, federal law requires all persons operating vehicles in excess of 26,000 pounds
7 transporting people or property to have a commercial driver's license (CDL); and

8 WHEREAS, this act is primarily for the common or contractor carrier; and

9 WHEREAS, agricultural vehicles are exempt from the requirements of the commercial
10 driver's license statute; and

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12 WHEREAS, water well drilling contractors rarely travel more than 150 miles from their
13 home office, which is one of the criteria of agricultural vehicles contained in the commercial
14 driver's license statute; and

15 WHEREAS, these contractors rarely travel across state boundaries; and

16 WHEREAS, the requirements of the commercial driver's license statute are extremely
17 difficult to pass; and

18 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous burden on these small businesses to find, hire, and pay
19 employees who have a commercial driver's license; and

20 WHEREAS, this requirement adds a great deal of unnecessary expense to the price of a well
21 for the well owner.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 respectfully request that the United States Congress enact legislation reclassifying water well
3 drilling vehicles and equipment as agricultural equipment under the federal commercial
4 driver's license laws.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of
7 Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate.