

Senate Resolution 322

By: Senator Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Daylight Saving Time; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Daylight Saving Time transfers an hour's worth of daylight from early morning
3 hours of the day to push back sunset until one hour later in the day; and
- 4 WHEREAS, prior to 2007, Daylight Saving Time began on the first Sunday in April, with
5 clocks being moved forward one hour in each time zone at 2:00 A.M. local time; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the transfer of one hour of daylight cuts electricity usage and helps reduce
7 traffic accidents; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the concept of Daylight Saving Time was suggested by Benjamin Franklin in
9 a 1784 essay titled *An Economical Project* and was briefly adopted by the United States after
10 World War I when it was put into practice in several European countries; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after the United State's brief attempt at establishing Daylight Saving Time in
12 1918, the practice was abandoned in 1919 after it was proven unpopular due to the still
13 largely agrarian society of the time; and
- 14 WHEREAS, during World War II, the practice of daylight saving was called War Time and
15 was practiced year round from 1942 to 1945; and
- 16 WHEREAS, by 1966 the different daylight time practices throughout the country were a
17 source of difficulty for businesses which led Congress to pass the Uniform Time Act, which
18 specified that Daylight Saving Time began on the last Sunday of April and ended on the last
19 Sunday of October; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed an amendment to federal law which
21 started Daylight Saving Time earlier in the year at 2:00 A.M. on the first Sunday in April and
22 and ending at 2:00 A.M. on the last Sunday in October; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2007, President George W. Bush changed Daylight Saving Time to start three
24 weeks earlier at 2:00 A.M. on the second Sunday in March and ends one week later at
25 2:00A.M. on the first Sunday in November; and

26 WHEREAS, several states and territories of the United States do not observe Daylight
27 Saving Time, including Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,
28 and Arizona; and

29 WHEREAS, this year Daylight Saving Time falls on Sunday, March 13.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize the rich history and tradition behind the United States's observation of Daylight
32 Saving Time.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Frank Eldridge and Daly Lee.