

Senator Wayne A. Harper proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON UTAH'S OBSERVANCE OF**
2 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

3 2018 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

6 House Sponsor: Norman K. Thurston

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor calls for an amendment
11 to federal law to allow Utah to remain on mountain daylight time year-round.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ urges Utah's congressional delegation to introduce legislation that amends federal
15 law to allow states to remain on daylight saving time year-round;
16 ▶ urges the United States Congress to amend federal law to allow states to remain on
17 daylight saving time year-round; and
18 ▶ intends, contingent on the passage of federal legislation, that Utah exempt the state
19 from mountain standard time and remain on mountain daylight time year-round.

20 **Special Clauses:**

21 None

23 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

24 WHEREAS, the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261, divides the United
25 States of America into multiple sections and designates a time zone for each section;



26 WHEREAS, under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260(a), Utah has the
27 authority to exempt the state from the provisions of daylight saving time to remain on mountain
28 standard time year-round;

29 WHEREAS, under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260(b), Utah is
30 prohibited from exempting the state from standard time to remain on mountain daylight time
31 year-round;

32 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor have determined that it is in the
33 economic and commercial interest of the citizens of Utah to exempt Utah from standard time to
34 remain on mountain daylight time year-round;

35 WHEREAS, Utah's exemption from standard time in the mountain time zone is in the
36 interest of the United States;

37 WHEREAS, the exemption from standard time in the mountain time zone would
38 increase, for one hour, daylight in the evening hours;

39 WHEREAS, one extra hour of daylight in the evening will reduce household and
40 commercial energy use, reduce traffic accidents, increase commercial activity, and increase the
41 tax base of Utah and the United States;

42 WHEREAS, the exemption from standard time in the mountain time zone would
43 further provide for the "convenience of commerce," within that term's meaning in the Uniform
44 Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261; and

45 WHEREAS, if the United States Congress amends the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15
46 U.S.C. Sec. 260, to allow states to choose to remain on daylight saving time year-round, the
47 Legislature intends to enact legislation, in accordance with the amended federal law, that would
48 exempt Utah from mountain standard time to remain on mountain daylight time year-round;
49 and

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
51 Governor concurring therein, urges Utah's congressional delegation to introduce legislation to
52 amend the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260, to allow states to choose to remain
53 on daylight saving time year-round.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the passing of federal legislation to amend
55 the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260, to allow states to choose to remain on
56 daylight saving time year-round, Utah shall adopt and observe mountain daylight time

57 year-round.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of
59 Utah's congressional delegation, members of leadership of the United States House of
60 Representatives and the United States Senate, and the chairs of the following congressional
61 committees:

- 62 • the House Committee on Agriculture;
- 63 • the House Committee on Education and the Workforce;
- 64 • the House Committee on Energy and Commerce;
- 65 • the House Committee on Financial Services;
- 66 • the House Committee on Natural Resources;
- 67 • the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure;
- 68 • the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology;
- 69 • the House Committee on Small Business;
- 70 • the House Committee on Ways and Means;
- 71 • the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry;
- 72 • the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation;
- 73 • the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources;
- 74 • the Senate Committee on Finance;
- 75 • the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and
- 76 • the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.