## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1226**

Sponsors: Representatives Abernethy; and Bowman.

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## May 10, 1991

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO STUDY RAILROADS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the Legislative Research Commission was authorized by the 1989 General Assembly to conduct a study of the lease and renegotiation of contracts of the North Carolina Railroad Company; and

Whereas, the Commission later expanded the scope of the study to include the future of railroads in North Carolina, including the issues of rail revitalization, rail corridor preservation, and other related issues; and

Whereas, the Committee on Railroads recommended that the General Assembly enact a bill creating a Railroad Advisory Commission to advise the Governor, Council of State, and General Assembly of its opinion of any proposed lease or other transaction involving all or a substantial portion of the assets of the North Carolina Railroad Company; and

Whereas, the Committee on Railroads was not able to fully explore the other issues that were brought to its attention in the course of its discussions, and therefore requested in its report to the General Assembly that the study be continued for another two years;

- Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:
  - Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study the present condition of the rail transportation system in North Carolina and the future of railroads in this State, including the issues of rail revitalization and rail corridor preservation.

- Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report, including any recommendations, to the 1991 General Assembly, Regular Session 1992, and a final report to the 1993 General Assembly.
- 4 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.