State of Vermont
House of Representatives

Montpelier, Vermont

Joint House Resolution

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Joint resolution accepting a Federal Emergency Grant designated as JFO #2371 to repair damage resulting from the December 2008 ice storm

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Ancel of Calais, Larson of Burlington and Heath of Westford

Whereas, on December 12, 2008, a severe ice storm struck the southern Vermont counties of Bennington and Windham, causing extensive damage to public facilities belonging to the state, to local governments, and to nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, the severity of the damage resulted in the governor's declaring these counties as disaster areas in accordance with federal law, thus qualifying them for possible federal financial assistance to help pay for the required repair work, and

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has recently awarded the state of Vermont a grant totaling $825,845.40 to help pay the repair costs, and the Joint Fiscal Office has designated that grant as JFO #2371, and

Whereas, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5(1), the governor has sent his written approval of the state acceptance of the grant to the Joint Fiscal Office, and

Whereas, in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 5(2), when the general assembly is in session, the governor's acceptance is final after 30 days if a member of the joint fiscal committee does not request that it be held for legislative approval, and

Whereas, the urgency of proceeding with the work for which these funds are intended necessitates ending the statutory waiting period as quickly as possible, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly accepts a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant designated as JFO #2371.