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H. R. 3425

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STUDY; REPORT.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
6 the date that funds are first made available for this
7 section, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation
8 with the affected local governments, the State gov-

ernment, State and local historic preservation offices, community organizations, and the Golden Chain Council, shall complete a special resource study of the national significance, suitability, and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor.

(2) CONTENTS.—The study shall include an analysis of—

(A) the significance of Highway 49 in American history;

(B) options for preservation and use of the highway;

(C) options for interpretation of significant features associated with the highway; and

(D) private sector preservation alternatives.

(3) BOUNDARIES OF STUDY AREA.—The area studied under this section shall be comprised of Highway 49 in California extending from the city of Oakhurst in Madera County to the city of Vinton in Sierra County, and lands, structures, and cultural resources within the immediate vicinity of the highway.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after comple-
2 tion of the study required by subsection (a), the Secretary
3 shall submit a report describing the results of the study
4 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-
5 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
6 sources of the Senate.

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