

AMENDMENT TO H.R.
OFFERED BY MR. BURLISON OF MISSOURI

At the end of title I, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 13**____. **SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ROUTE 66.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Springfield Road was authorized by the
4 State of Missouri in 1837 connecting St. Louis and
5 Springfield.

6 (2) In 1857 the Federal Government awarded
7 a contract to establish an overland mail route be-
8 tween the West Coast and Eastern United States.

9 (3) In 1858, the United States Government
10 strung telegraph lines along the Springfield Road
11 from St. Louis to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

12 (4) The Springfield Road later became an im-
13 portant transportation corridor for settlers, com-
14 merce, and communication throughout southwest
15 Missouri and the surrounding region.

16 (5) In 1891 the first automobiles were driven
17 on Missouri roads.

18 (6) The growing popularity of automobile travel
19 in the early twentieth century increased the demand

1 for improved highways and modern transportation
2 infrastructure across the United States.

3 (7) On November 11, 1926, U.S. Highway 66
4 was officially designated as part of the Federal high-
5 way system, stretching from Chicago, Illinois, to
6 Santa Monica, California, with a significant portion
7 passing through the State of Missouri.

8 (8) Springfield, Missouri was the birthplace of
9 Route 66.

10 (9) Route 66 quickly became known as the
11 “Main Street of America” and the “Mother Road,”
12 serving as a vital transportation corridor for com-
13 merce and tourism.

14 (10) Communities throughout Missouri pros-
15 pered from the businesses, restaurants, service sta-
16 tions, and attractions that developed along Route
17 66, creating a unique cultural and economic legacy
18 that continues to attract visitors from around the
19 world.

20 (11) The approach of the 100th Anniversary of
21 Route 66 in 2026 provides an opportunity to cele-
22 brate the historic, cultural, and economic signifi-
23 cance of the highway and to recognize the important
24 role Missouri played in its development and preser-
25 vation.

1 (12) Preserving and promoting the history of
2 Route 66 will encourage tourism, economic growth,
3 and educational opportunities for future generations.

4 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 should
7 be recognized and celebrated; and

8 (2) the enduring impact of Route 66 on the
9 State of Missouri and the United States of America
10 should be honored.

