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# Resolution To Block Route Through Park OK'd In House

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NASHVILLE, Jan. 10. — A resolution aimed at blocking the Overton Park routing of Interstate 40 in Memphis has been adopted by the Tennessee House, but likely faces a tougher trip through the Senate.

The measure was routinely passed by voice vote without debate in the House Jan. 4. Many legislators appeared to be unaware of the contents of the resolution.

The resolution, sponsored by Representative Doy Daniels (D-Memphis), calls on Transportation Secretary John Volpe to decide against allowing the expressway to go through the park.

"I'm pleased to see that a governmental body has finally taken the wishes of the people of the Overton Park community into consideration," Daniels said after the House vote.

The resolution asserts that much environmental damage would be caused if the road goes through the park, including the destruction of virgin forest.

In Washington, Claude Stout Brinegar moved a step closer to becoming secretary of transportation Wednesday.

There was still a possibility, however, that Volpe would continue in the job long enough to rule in Memphis' case.

Confirmation hearings on Brinegar, a California oil company executive, were completed by the Senate Commerce Committee and the committee scheduled an executive session for Friday morning.

Transportation Department sources in Washington reported additional progress in preparation of the administrative record in the Overton Park case and said it should reach Volpe's desk no later than Friday.

A commerce committee aide said Friday's committee session is to be devoted to reorganizing subcommittees.

But, he said, it is entirely possible the

committee could approve Brinegar's nomination at the session, since no substantial opposition has developed. The nomination then would go to the Senate for confirmation.

Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) announced late Wednesday the Senate would adjourn Thursday afternoon until Monday. This, Brinegar's nomination could not be confirmed before Monday afternoon and Volpe — assuming the administrative record is delivered to him Friday — will have at least until then to make a determination in the Overton Park case.

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