HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

INTRODUCED BY KADAS, QUILICI, SCHYE, S. RICE, HALLIGAN, YELLOWTAIL, BLAYLOCK, WHALEN, DOHERTY, STRIZICH

IN THE HOUSE

- JANUARY 16, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.
- JANUARY 17, 1991 FIRST READING.
- FEBRUARY 7, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
- FEBRUARY 8, 1991 PRINTING REPORT.
- FEBRUARY 9, 1991 SECOND READING, DO PASS.
- FEBRUARY 11, 1991 ENGROSSING REPORT.
- FEBRUARY 12, 1991 THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 95; NOES, 1.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 13, 1991

FIRST READING.

MARCH 26, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 28, 1991 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 1, 1991 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 48; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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APRIL 1, 1991 RECEIVED FROM SENATE. SENT TO ENROLLING. REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED. LC 1380/01

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WHEREAS, the Council is charged by law with identifying the resource options that will minimize the economic and environmental costs of the energy services that a healthy Montana economy needs; and

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 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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7 (2) That the pace of all utilities' investments in
8 energy efficiency accelerate substantially in light of
9 increasing regional needs for new power supply;

10 (3) That regulators throughout the Northwest strongly 11 link utilities' net earnings at least in part to their 12 success in delivering cost-effective energy savings to 13 customers;

14 (4) That regulators and boards of publicly owned
15 utilities should ensure that no utility has a financial
16 incentive to promote increased energy use while at the same

17 time deferring energy savings; and

18 (5) That evaluations by the Council and others of 19 utilities' resource options make explicit and concrete 20 provision for the environmental costs and benefits, which 21 clearly count for more than zero even when their total 22 magnitude is uncertain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON Natural resources

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