

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 16, 1991

ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 18, 1991

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTED.

APRIL 19, 1991

SECOND READING, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REPORT ADOPTED.

THIRD READING, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REPORT ADOPTED.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 20, 1991

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
ADOPTED.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 22, 1991

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32
 2 INTRODUCED BY Russell Yellowstone Hovens
 3 Franklin NATHAN

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

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3 MARKEN NORTH

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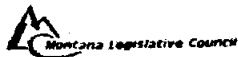
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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Page 1 of 1
March 25, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Education and Cultural Resources having had under consideration House Joint Resolution No. 32 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Joint Resolution No. 32 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

1. Page 1, line 16.

Following: "conquest"

Insert: ", sale,"

Strike: "through treaty negotiations"

Insert: "negotiated cession"

2. Page 1, lines 18 and 19.

Following: "region"

Strike: remainder of line 18 through "Americans" on line 19

Insert: "severely reduced their lands, people, and sustenance"

3. Page 2, line 7.

Strike: "no"

Insert: "little"

4. Page 2, line 12.

Following: "present"

Strike: "for"

Insert: "if"

5. Page 2, line 13.

Strike: "to be"

Insert: "is"

6. Page 2, line 15.

Strike: "ill treatment and genocide of"

Insert: "cultural and demographic devastation suffered by"

7. Page 2, line 25.

Following: "Americans"

Insert: "; and"

WHEREAS, the survival of Native Americans over 500 years of adversity demonstrates the resilience and adaptability of a people and has produced a diverse, pluralistic, and stronger American society"

Signed: Chet Blaylock
Chet Blaylock, Chairman

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And. Cobrd.
SB 3-26-91 8:10
Sec. of Senate

SENATE
HJR 32

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Conference Committee
on House Joint Resolution 32
Report No. 1, April 18, 1991

4-18-91
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April 18, 1991
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Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

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Insert: "American nations and cultures"
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Following: "RESILIENCE"
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Insert: "who are contributing to a"

And this Conference Committee report be adopted.

For the House:

Angela Russell
Rep. Russell, Chair

Rep. Gervais

Thomas Lee
Rep. Lee

For the Senate:

Donnelly Eck
Sen. Eck, Chair

W. Yellowtail
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