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1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *9*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Lt. Governor Timby*

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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED
 6 STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A NATIONAL
 7 HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR ALL CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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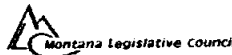
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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Judiciary having had under consideration House Joint Resolution No. 9 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Joint Resolution No. 9 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

1. Title, line 6.

Strike: "CONFIRMING"

Insert: "ASSURING"

2. Page 1, lines 18 and 19.

Following: "WHEREAS," on line 18

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

Insert: "it has been the"

3. Page 2, line 1.

Following: "legislation"

Strike: "reversing"

Insert: "to resolve the jurisdictional dilemma raised in"

4. Page 2, lines 3 and 4.

Following: "would" on line 3

Strike: remainder of line 3 through "confirming" on line 4

Insert: "assure"

5. Page 2, line 13.

Strike: "confirming"

Insert: "assuring"

6. Page 2, line 16.

Following: "tribes"

Insert: ", so long as consistent with the protections guaranteed by the United States constitution"

Signed: 

Richard Pinsoneault, Chairman

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Asst. Coord.

SB 4-4 2:10
Sec. of Senate

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