

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

INTRODUCED BY WEEDING, STEPPLER, L. NELSON, CODY, M. HANSON,  
ZOOK, GROSFIELD, YELLOWTAIL, JERGESON, BRUSKI

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 4, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & IRRIGATION.  
  
FIRST READING.  
  
FEBRUARY 14, 1991                   COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.  
  
FEBRUARY 15, 1991                   PRINTING REPORT.  
  
SECOND READING, DO PASS.  
  
FEBRUARY 16, 1991                   ENGROSSING REPORT.  
  
THIRD READING, PASSED.  
AYES, 38; NOES, 11.  
  
TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 18, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
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FIRST READING.  
  
MARCH 9, 1991                       COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE  
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.  
  
MARCH 12, 1991                       SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.  
  
MARCH 14, 1991                       THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
AYES, 74; NOES, 26.  
  
RETURNED TO SENATE.

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MARCH 14, 1991                       RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.  
  
SENT TO ENROLLING.  
  
REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE CONCENTRATION IN THE LIVESTOCK FEEDING AND PACKING INDUSTRIES; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 53RD LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the market share of the top four beef packing companies was just 25% in 1977 and rose to 74% of the market in 1987; and

WHEREAS, concentration among packing companies that slaughter sheep and lambs has increased from four firms controlling 57% in 1977 to three firms controlling at least 76% in 1987; and

WHEREAS, trends toward concentration and vertical integration of the livestock industry threaten free enterprise and the independence of Montana's livestock producers, as well as the economic vitality of our communities that are dependent on the livestock industry; and

WHEREAS, continued concentration and vertical integration of the livestock industry may also have serious adverse implications for the health and safety of both

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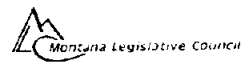
(1) the economic impact of concentration and vertical integration by the dominant meatpackers on Montana's livestock producers;

(2) the relationship between the economic impact of the concentration on producers and other aspects of the state's present and future economy, such as the tax base, population, and viability of our rural communities; and

(3) legal remedies and other appropriate actions available to the State of Montana to counteract any adverse problems posed by increased concentration or to prevent further concentration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee report the findings of the study to the 53rd Legislature and present options for legislative consideration if the committee determines that options are necessary.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK  
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