SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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FEBRUARY 9, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 19, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 20, 1991	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 21, 1991	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 22, 1991	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 49; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.
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MARCH 4, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.
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APRIL 1, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 6, 1991	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
	ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED. BILL

PLACED ON THIRD READING THIS DAY.

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an internationally significant research and development center for testing, evaluating, and developing environmental technologies relating to mining; and WHEREAS, the United States Congress has allocated an initial sum of \$3.5 million for the establishment of a National Mine Waste Treatment and Evaluation Center in Butte: and WHEREAS, federal agencies have been asked to assist in establishing a larger Water, Air, Soils Testing and Evaluation Center (WASTEC) within which the National Mine Waste Treatment and Evaluation Center would be located; and WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has designated matching funds for WASTEC as its number one ranked recipient of a grant of \$300,000 from the Reclamation and Development Grants Program, funded through Resource Indemnity Trust (RIT) interest income and presented for approval by the 52nd Legislature. THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: That the United States Congress is urged to establish and provide adequate continuing funding for the National Mine Waste Testing and Evaluation Center in Butte and that federal agencies, such as the United States Environmental

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