

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

INTRODUCED BY BRUSKI, BENGTSON, JERGESON,
WEEDING, KOEHNKE, REA, HOCKETT

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 16, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & IRRIGATION.

FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 23, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 25, 1991 PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 26, 1991 SECOND READING, DO PASS.

ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 27, 1991 THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 39; NOES, 9.

TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 4, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & IRRIGATION.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 23, 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.

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 77; NOES, 20.

RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 9, 1991 RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *23*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Frank Bergeson Jorgeson Weiden;*
 3 *Frederick Grea Hockett*

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE MONTANA
 6 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CALL ON THE U.S. CONGRESS TO
 7 RECONSIDER CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE FEDERAL FOOD,
 8 AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND TRADE ACT OF 1990 FOR PURPOSES
 9 OF IMPROVING NET FARM INCOME.

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 11 WHEREAS, agriculture is Montana's largest industry; and
 12 WHEREAS, agriculture provides a reliable tax base from
 13 which to generate needed state and local revenues; and

14 WHEREAS, a healthy agricultural economy provides
 15 economic stability for our rural communities; and

16 WHEREAS, Montana's agricultural economy has been
 17 distressed by drought and drastic declines in commodity
 18 prices, reducing net farm income to below the cost of
 19 production; and

20 WHEREAS, based on a Congressional Budget Office report,
 21 the continuation of current farm policy will reduce net farm
 22 income by at least 25% this coming year, causing further
 23 economic and social decline in rural and urban communities;
 24 and

25 WHEREAS, each member of the Montana Congressional

1 Delegation spoke and voted in opposition to the federal
 2 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990.

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 4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 5 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

6 That the members of the Montana Congressional Delegation
 7 be urged to call for the immediate revisiting of the federal
 8 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 for
 9 the purpose of strengthening legislation that will improve
 10 net farm income, thereby promoting development of Montana's
 11 rural and urban economies.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send
 13 a copy of this resolution to each member of the Montana
 14 Congressional Delegation.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
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