

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

INTRODUCED BY BENGTON, STIMATZ, WEEDING, TVEIT,  
ANDERSON, GROSFIELD, DOHERTY, BIANCHI,  
HOCKETT, KENNEDY, JERGSON, KEATING

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 19, 1991 ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED TO ALLOW  
INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION.

FEBRUARY 20, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

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, 47; NOES, 0.

TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 4, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

FIRST READING.

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.

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
AYES, 96; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 9, 1991

RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

*Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *24*

INTRODUCED BY *Bengtson, Altmann, Weeding, J. ... Anderson, Grostede, O'hearty, Beirich, Helt, Boney, Bergeson*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ENDORSING THE STRATEGIES DETAILED IN THE MONTANA PICK-SLOAN INITIATIVE DEVELOPED BY THE MONTANA PICK-SLOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION.

WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Plan in the federal Flood Control Act of 1944 was intended to provide to all the Missouri Basin states multiple benefits, including irrigation, hydropower, flood control, navigation, recreation, fish and wildlife protection, and sediment abatement; and

WHEREAS, while Lower Missouri Basin states have received most of the benefits intended for them, Upper Missouri Basin states have received less than 10% of the irrigation benefits promised, despite the flooding by mainstem dams of over 1.7 million acres of land in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the 51st Legislature adopted House Joint Resolution No. 22 (HJR 22), which called for the United States Congress to authorize the use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin funds for the rehabilitation of irrigation project

facilities and inexpensive Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin power for irrigation pumping for irrigation projects in the Upper Missouri Basin states; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of HJR 22 in 1989, the urgency for realizing the benefits sought for Upper Missouri Basin states has increased significantly because of a deteriorating water supply infrastructure, severe drought, increasing demands from irrigation and recreational interests, complex federally reserved water rights questions, and limited funding to meet increased demands for Missouri River water; and

WHEREAS, to better coordinate and facilitate the goals expressed in HJR 22, a broad-based Montana Pick-Sloan Advisory Committee was formed by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Pick-Sloan Advisory Committee has adopted "The Montana Pick-Sloan Initiative: A Water Management Agenda for Tomorrow", which seeks benefits that are commensurate with the costs incurred by Montana as a result of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Plan's development to date and which outlines strategies for solving the state's water management problems that are consistent with the plan's original aim of maximizing the multiple-use benefits of the Missouri River and its tributaries.



-2- INTRODUCED BILL  
SJR 24

LC 2037/01

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2 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

3 That the Legislature endorse the strategies embodied in  
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6 appropriations;

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8 projects;

9 (3) revise the operation of the Missouri River by the  
10 United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

11 (4) develop cost-sharing arrangements.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution  
13 and copies of the Montana Pick-Sloan Initiative be sent to  
14 each member of Montana's Congressional Delegation, the  
15 President of the United States Senate, the United States  
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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