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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
8 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES SENATE
9 BIPARTISAN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS AND
10 MONTANA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO FOSTER AND SPONSOR THE
11 INCLUDED PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION DIRECTED AT RESOLVING
12 THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS.

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14 WHEREAS, the world food crisis is part of the larger
15 pattern of global interdependence. The crisis is linked
16 directly and systematically with questions of environment,
17 population, economic relationships, political, and military
18 power.

19 WHEREAS, world hunger and malnutrition are part of this
20 complex pattern and must be attacked on two
21 levels: immediate assistance programs to prevent starvation
22 in many regions in the world; and a long-range program to
23 increase food production, especially in less industrialized
24 nations.

25 WHEREAS, the long-range program must strike at the root

1 problem of underdevelopment which plagues the peoples of
2 many nations. Plans for agricultural and livestock
3 development require cooperation by the United States
4 government, the poorer nations, the FAO and voluntary
5 agencies including all religious faiths.

6 WHEREAS, it is not enough, however, that such
7 development merely foster economic growth. Development must
8 significantly reach the "little farmer" and so-called
9 marginal people, and reduce the gap between the wealthy and
10 the poor.

11 WHEREAS, moreover, the food crisis poses for the United
12 States, both domestic and international implications. An
13 appropriate legislative response for the United States must
14 include the series of interrelated activities at the level
15 of public policy--legislative program, community information
16 and education.

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

20 Acting through this joint august body, a program of
21 public discussion be proposed directed toward influencing
22 appropriate executive and legislative action which, in a
23 systematic and organized way, will seek to achieve national
24 policies effectively dealing with the food issue,
25 internationally and domestically.

REFERENCE BILL

1 The fundamental premise of the program is that food is
2 a unique commodity and a sacred resource. The guidelines
3 for legislative initiatives meriting the support of this
4 august body are as follows:

5 FIRST, increase genuine agricultural and livestock
6 development overseas; technical assistance and development
7 programs must be expanded to promote greater food production
8 for less industrialized nations;

9 SECOND, increase funding for Food for Peace (PL480); as
10 an immediate step, increase substantially food allocations
11 through Title II of Food for Peace (Humanitarian Aid) and
12 resist efforts to use food as a political and strategic
13 weapon;

14 THIRD, modify U.S. trade policies to lower trade
15 barriers and to provide just prices for imports from poor
16 countries. Special trade preferences for these nations'
17 exports and substantially increased adjustment assistance
18 for adversely affected U.S. workers and industries must be
19 part of this revised trade policy;

20 FOURTH, assure American farmers and ranchers of a fair
21 return for their capital and labor. The productivity and
22 viability of American agriculture must be maintained.
23 Serious disruption of this sector of the economy could
24 adversely affect the world food crisis;

25 FIFTH, promote more equitable distribution of resources

1 in the United States. Areas of legislation in this regard
2 are the following: expanding programs of food stamps and
3 school lunches, providing special assistance to the elderly,
4 the unemployed and the poor, revising income tax burdens and
5 to restructuring land use policies;

6 SIXTH, protect both family farmers who are often
7 subject to severe economic pressures in the agricultural
8 chain of food production, processing and sales, and also
9 consumers in middle and lower income categories;

10 SEVENTH, modify the operation of the free market
11 system, especially the impact of the large corporation, when
12 it stands in the way of justice;

13 EIGHTH, since the food crisis is a long-term problem as
14 well as an immediate concern, it will be necessary to keep
15 the structural dimensions of the issue, both in its factual
16 and moral aspects, before the public, and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Joint
18 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the
19 President of the United States, the United States Senate
20 Bipartisan Ad Hoc Committee on the World Food Crisis;
21 Senators Hatfield, Clark, McGovern, Case, and Humphrey;
22 also, members of the Montana Congressional delegation;
23 Senator Mansfield, Senator Metcalf, Representative Melcher,
24 and Representative Baucus.