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1 *VINCENT* *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *56* *Johnson*  
2 INTRODUCED BY *Palmer, Johnson, Ellis, Neard*  
3 *Kemmer, Neumann, Stutz, Bradley, Lester, Kelly, Brand, Anderson, Wolf*  
4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CONDEMNING THE

5 PROPOSED INCREASE IN COST OF FOOD STAMPS BY THE U.S.  
6 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE *Henderson*

7 *Harper*  
8 WHEREAS, on March 1, 1975, the U.S. Department of  
9 Agriculture will charge an average increase of thirty-three  
10 percent (33%) for food stamps, and

11 WHEREAS, a single-person household with a net income  
12 above one hundred fifty-four dollars (\$154) will receive  
13 only one dollar's worth of benefit from participation in the  
14 food stamp program, and

15 WHEREAS, a two-member family with a net income above  
16 two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275) will also receive  
17 only one dollar's worth of benefit from participation in the  
18 food stamp program, and

19 WHEREAS, a United States Department of Agriculture  
20 official estimates that half of the nearly two million  
21 elderly poor in one- or two-person households and receiving  
22 food stamps will not continue in the program, and

23 WHEREAS, an overall dropout rate of at least ten  
24 percent (10%) (approximately 1.5 million low-income people)

1 is likely if the food stamp increase plan is implemented,  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, this increase will cause increased  
4 malnutrition and starvation in the United States, and

5 WHEREAS, United States Senate Bill No. 13 will work to  
6 alleviate malnutrition and starvation in the United States,  
7 and it will not cause a significant dropout problem.

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

11 That the House and Senate of the Montana Forty-fourth  
12 Legislature condemns the United States Department of  
13 Agriculture's plan to increase the cost of food stamps, and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Congressional  
15 Delegation should oppose this plan and support Senate Bill  
16 No. 13 of the United States Senate, and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State  
18 send copies of this resolution to the individual members of  
19 the Montana Congressional Delegation, the United States  
20 Secretary of Agriculture, and to the President of the United  
21 States.

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