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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

2 INTRODUCED BY ROSKIE, GALT, MANLEY, GRAHAM, CONOVER,  
3 ETCHART, DUNKLE, BOYLAN, FLYNN, KOLSTAD, STORY

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5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE WESTERN  
7 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE TO SEEK CONGRESSIONAL  
8 SUPPORT FOR STATE, REGIONAL, AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED  
9 TO MEET THE NEEDS FOR RANGELAND RESOURCES IN THE FUTURE,  
10 MORE SPECIFICALLY THE PROJECTED DEMANDS FOR LIVESTOCK  
11 GRAZING.

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13 WHEREAS, rangeland (grasslands, shrublands, and forest  
14 areas that produce forage) is the largest single category of  
15 land in the United States, and has no alternative for  
16 contributing to food for man other than by way of grazing  
17 animals, and

18 WHEREAS, when efficiently developed and managed, ranges  
19 are competitive with other forage sources and can be grazed  
20 under systems that preserve or enhance the environment,  
21 improve wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and  
22 have potential to produce livestock grazing at higher levels  
23 to meet the nation's need for meat products ~~to--the--year~~  
24 ~~2000~~, and

25 WHEREAS, fossil fuels will become more scarce and more

1 costly in the future, and production of livestock on  
2 rangelands requires a lower energy input from fossil fuel  
3 sources than do production systems heavily dependent upon  
4 feed grains, and

5 WHEREAS, increased production of meat, lamb, and wool  
6 can contribute to a more favorable national balance of  
7 payments, and

8 WHEREAS, improved range management will result in more  
9 stable rural communities, a more stable cash flow, and a  
10 possible slowing of migration of younger people from rural  
11 areas, and

12 WHEREAS, the Western Range States have private, state,  
13 and federally controlled rangelands, and development and  
14 improvement programs (for fencing, control of noxious weeds,  
15 revegetation, etc.) must consider all lands included in  
16 management units regardless of ownership.

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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 That we urge the adoption of a resolution at the  
21 Western Governor's Conference on Agriculture, to be held in  
22 April 1975 at Billings, Montana, that will support the  
23 establishment of programs for optimum development of western  
24 rangeland through improved cover of grasses, herbs, shrubs,  
25 and trees to reduce soil erosion and sedimentation, improve

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1 quantity and quality of water yield, and increase the  
2 productive capacity for all rangeland values and uses, and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress support programs  
4 for development of the rangeland resources of the United  
5 States Departments of Agriculture and Interior, the States,  
6 and Regional Rangeland Resources Programs.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State  
8 send copies of this joint resolution to the Montana  
9 Congressional delegation, to the Secretaries of the United  
10 States Departments of Agriculture, Interior, and State, and  
11 to the Western Governor's Conference.

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