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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18
 2 INTRODUCED BY MC OMBER
 3 (BY REQUEST OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION)
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 5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
 7 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE STUDY BY
 8 CONSUMER COUNSEL ON REMUNERATION PAID TO OWNERS OF NATURAL
 9 GAS RATES FOR THEIR RESOURCE INTO AREAS OF ADEQUATE
 10 REGULATION AND EQUITABLE RATES FOR CONSUMERS.
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 12 WHEREAS, regulation and consumer rate approval should
 13 be functions of natural gas movement, reserves, supply,
 14 demand, field prices, and other objectified costs; and
 15 WHEREAS, regulation in the best interests of the people
 16 of the State of Montana should consider conservation and
 17 optimum utilization of natural resources; and
 18 WHEREAS, adequate beneficial regulation should be
 19 supported by accurate and reconcilable data collection,
 20 assembly and dissemination by state agencies; and
 21 WHEREAS, the world and national energy crisis dictates
 22 that Montana's regulation of this energy resource should be
 23 in concord with national and regional policies and
 24 precedents.
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 2 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 3 That the Public Service Commission is requested to
 4 establish necessary coordination and liaison with pertinent
 5 federal and state agencies, and develop and submit
 6 recommended policies and plans of action to the legislature
 7 and undertake such fact-finding and related research as may
 8 be required to continue to expand the study by consumer
 9 counsel on remuneration paid to owners of natural gas rates
 10 for their resource into areas of adequate regulation and
 11 equitable rates for consumers.

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REFERENCE BILL