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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

2 INTRODUCED BY STORY, LYNCH, LEE, MCCALLUM, KOLSTAD,
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5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE
7 BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD TO RECONSIDER ITS ACTION
8 REDUCING WORK FORCES IN THE STATE OF MONTANA.

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10 WHEREAS, the Burlington Northern is the major railroad
11 serving the state of Montana; and

12 WHEREAS, economic problems in the United States as a
13 whole have admittedly resulted in a temporary reduction in
14 rail shipments on the Burlington Northern Railroad; and

15 WHEREAS, anticipated large movements of coal in the
16 near future promise to redress the present low shipment
17 problem on the railroad; and

18 WHEREAS, recent layoffs of both shop and operating
19 employees of the Burlington Northern in Montana as a result
20 of the short term reduction of shipments has resulted in
21 disproportionate hardship for both affected employees and
22 the small communities in which they live; and

23 WHEREAS, disruption of the work force for a short run
24 affects the morale of all company employees and results in
25 drastic changes in the communities in which they live; and

1 WHEREAS, these damages may overcome the minimal labor
2 savings realized when viewed from a broader perspective; and
3 WHEREAS, dislocated employees might not be readily
4 available for rehire when trained personnel are needed to
5 meet the demand of increased coal shipments resulting in a
6 shortfall of demand satisfaction.

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

10 That the Burlington Northern is urged to reconsider its
11 actions in reducing work forces in the state of Montana
12 giving consideration to long-term as well as short-term
13 considerations of these actions.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the company is urged to
15 make every effort to mitigate and alleviate the adverse
16 results of decisions concerning work force reduction.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution
18 be sent to the president and the regional vice-president in
19 Billings of the Burlington Northern Railroad and to the
20 members of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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REFERENCE BILL