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Name ^H JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *26 Mark*
INTRODUCED BY *Ray Williams, Susan Huff, Wade Conroy*
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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE
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6 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
7 CLIMATIC AND SOIL CONDITIONS AND RAISE THE GENERAL 160-ACRE
8 LIMITATION ON LANDS UNDER SINGLE OWNERSHIP WHICH MAY BE
9 IRRIGATED FROM FEDERAL RECLAMATION PROJECTS TO REFLECT
10 VARYING CLIMATIC AND SOIL CONDITIONS.

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12 WHEREAS, the Reclamation Act of 1902 generally provides
13 that no water may be sold for lands in excess of 160 acres
14 in single ownership; and

15 WHEREAS, the Omnibus Adjustment Act of 1926 provides in
16 effect that the owners of irrigable lands in excess of 160
17 acres must dispose of this excess before they can receive
18 water from a federal project; and

19 WHEREAS, due to the climatic and soil conditions of a
20 great portion of Montana and of the other Northwestern
21 States a 160-acre parcel is not an economic agricultural
22 production unit; and

23 WHEREAS, the climatic and soil conditions of a great
24 portion of Montana and of the other Northwestern States
25 require a farm or ranch unit containing in excess of 160

1 irrigable acres in order to achieve a viable agricultural
2 production unit which can support a family; and

3 WHEREAS, Congress has seen fit to grant exemptions from
4 the 160-acre limitation to the Northern Colorado Water
5 Conservancy District; and

6 WHEREAS, the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1953 has
7 been construed to grant an exemption from the 160-acre
8 limitation.

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

12 That, the Congress of the United States is requested to
13 take into consideration climatic and soil conditions and
14 raise the general 160-acre limitation on lands under single
15 ownership which may be irrigated from Federal Reclamation
16 Projects to reflect varying climatic and soil conditions.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

18 That, the Secretary of state shall send a copy of this
19 resolution to the President of the Senate of the United
20 States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
21 United States, the Montana Congressional delegation, the
22 Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of the Bureau of
23 Reclamation, and the Legislatures of the several states.

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INTRODUCED BILL

HR 26

Approved by Committee on Judiciary

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1 *Thorne H* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *26 Mark*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Ray Williams* *Samuel Huff* *Wade Conway*
 3 *Country O'Connell* *J. Henderson* *Manuel* *Deane*
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF *Ward*
 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE
 6 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
 7 CLIMATIC AND SOIL CONDITIONS AND RAISE THE GENERAL 160-ACRE
 8 LIMITATION ON LANDS UNDER SINGLE OWNERSHIP WHICH MAY BE
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 10 VARYING CLIMATIC AND SOIL CONDITIONS.
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 17 acres must dispose of this excess before they can receive
 18 water from a federal project; and
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 20 great portion of Montana and of the other Northwestern
 21 States a 160-acre parcel is not an economic agricultural
 22 production unit; and
 23 WHEREAS, the climatic and soil conditions of a great
 24 portion of Montana and of the other Northwestern States
 25 require a farm or ranch unit containing in excess of 160

1 irrigable acres in order to achieve a viable agricultural
 2 production unit which can support a family; and
 3 WHEREAS, Congress has seen fit to grant exemptions from
 4 the 160-acre limitation to the Northern Colorado Water
 5 Conservancy District; and
 6 WHEREAS, the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1955 has
 7 been construed to grant an exemption from the 160-acre
 8 limitation.
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 10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 11 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 12 That, the Congress of the United States is requested to
 13 take into consideration climatic and soil conditions and
 14 raise the general 160-acre limitation on lands under single
 15 ownership which may be irrigated from Federal Reclamation
 16 Projects to reflect varying climatic and soil conditions.
 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
 18 That, the Secretary of state shall send a copy of this
 19 resolution to the President of the Senate of the United
 20 States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
 21 United States, the Montana Congressional delegation, the
 22 Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of the Bureau of
 23 Reclamation, and the Legislatures of the several states.

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SECOND READING

HSR 26

*Historic
Legislation
invaluable
Business*

House H JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *26 Mack*
INTRODUCED BY *Ray Williams* *Senators* *Will White* *Courcy*
Country *Robert* *J. Henderson* *Manuel* *Dunaway*
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
CLIMATIC AND SOIL CONDITIONS AND RAISE THE GENERAL 160-ACRE
LIMITATION ON LANDS UNDER SINGLE OWNERSHIP WHICH MAY BE
IRRIGATED FROM FEDERAL RECLAMATION PROJECTS TO REFLECT
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WHEREAS, the Reclamation Act of 1902 generally provides
that no water may be sold for lands in excess of 160 acres
in single ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Adjustment Act of 1926 provides in
effect that the owners of irrigable lands in excess of 160
acres must dispose of this excess before they can receive
water from a federal project; and

WHEREAS, due to the climatic and soil conditions of a
great portion of Montana and of the other Northwestern
States a 160-acre parcel is not an economic agricultural
production unit; and

WHEREAS, the climatic and soil conditions of a great
portion of Montana and of the other Northwestern States
require a farm or ranch unit containing in excess of 160

irrigable acres in order to achieve a viable agricultural
production unit which can support a family; and

WHEREAS, Congress has seen fit to grant exemptions from
the 160-acre limitation to the Northern Colorado Water
Conservancy District; and

WHEREAS, the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1955 has
been construed to grant an exemption from the 160-acre
limitation.

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

That, the Congress of the United States is requested to
take into consideration climatic and soil conditions and
raise the general 160-acre limitation on lands under single
ownership which may be irrigated from Federal Reclamation
Projects to reflect varying climatic and soil conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, the Secretary of state shall send a copy of this
resolution to the President of the Senate of the United
States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
United States, the Montana Congressional delegation, the
Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of the Bureau of
Reclamation, and the Legislatures of the several states.

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THIRD READING

HSR 26

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26
 2 INTRODUCED BY DAY, WILLIAMS, SEVERSON, SCULLY, UHDE, MARKS,
 3 CONROY, MOORE, PISTORIA, BENGTSOEN, KYAALEN, BURNETT, MANUEL,
 4 COURTNEY, O'CONNELL, J. GUNDERSON, DRISCOLL, SEIFERT, WOOD
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 7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE
 8 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
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 15 that no water may be sold for lands in excess of 160 acres
 16 in single ownership; and
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 18 effect that the owners of irrigable lands in excess of 160
 19 acres must dispose of this excess before they can receive
 20 water from a federal project; and
 21 WHEREAS, due to the climatic and soil conditions of a
 22 great portion of Montana and of the other Northwestern
 23 States a 160-acre parcel is not an economic agricultural
 24 production unit; and
 25 WHEREAS, the climatic and soil conditions of a great

1 portion of Montana and of the other Northwestern States
 2 require a farm or ranch unit containing in excess of 160
 3 irrigable acres in order to achieve a viable agricultural
 4 production unit which can support a family; and
 5 ~~WHEREAS, THE STATE OF MONTANA OWNS SUBSTANTIAL ACREAGES~~
 6 ~~OF POTENTIALLY IRRIGABLE LAND WITHIN IRRIGATION DISTRICTS;~~
 7 AND
 8 WHEREAS, Congress has seen fit to grant exemptions from
 9 the 160-acre limitation to the Northern Colorado Water
 10 Conservancy District; and
 11 WHEREAS, the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 has
 12 been construed to grant an exemption from the 160-acre
 13 limitation.
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 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 16 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 17 That, the Congress of the United States is requested to
 18 take into consideration climatic and soil conditions and
 19 raise the general 160-acre limitation on lands under single
 20 ownership, AND PROVIDE SPECIAL PROVISIONS ALLOWING
 21 ADDITIONAL ACREAGE TO LESSEES OF STATE LAND, which may be
 22 irrigated from Federal Reclamation Projects to reflect
 23 varying climatic and soil conditions AND STATE OWNERSHIP.
 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
 25 That, the Secretary of state shall send a copy of this

1 resolution to the President of the Senate of the United
2 States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
3 United States, the Montana Congressional delegation, the
4 Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of the Bureau of
5 Reclamation, and the Legislatures of the several states.

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