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Approved by Committee
on Judiciary

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15 meaningful to every Indian; and
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18 lost to posterity; and
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21 most valued RELIGIOUS resources; and
22 WHEREAS, Montanans can learn much from the historical
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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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March 23, 1977

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Committee on Education

That House Joint Resolution No. 32 be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 6.
Following: "Indian"
Strike: "culture and traditions"
Insert: "religious practices"

2. Amend page 2, line 11.
Following: line 10
Strike: "traditions"
Insert: "religious practices"

3. Amend page 2, line 16.
Following: line 15
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