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on Natural Resources

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AFFIRMING THE NEED FOR A LONG-RANGE MONTANA TIMBER SUPPLY IMPLICATION STUDY AND DIRECTING THE MONTANA FOREST AND CONSERVATION EXPERIMENT STATION TO UNDERTAKE PLANNING INVESTIGATIONS FOR STUDY IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, Montana is richly endowed with an abundance of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the timber and related forest resources are of vital importance to the livelihood and leisure of the people of Montana; and

WHEREAS, substantial public concern, uncertainty, and controversy surround the issue of future timber supplies and related implications for the state of Montana; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of long-range forest productivity, timber supply and availability, and related economic and social implications is vital for quality, informed decision making about Montana's future; and

WHEREAS, there has been no comprehensive study of long-range timber supply implications for the state of Montana as a whole.

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

That a comprehensive study of long-range timber supply implications be conducted for the state of Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Forest and Conservation Experiment Station proceed to investigate the feasibility of and plan for a long-range timber supply implication study for Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this include not only an assessment of the physical and economic potential for timber production and related social implications but also include consideration of transition from old growth to second growth forests and ecological impacts of timber production and implications for Montana's timber-using industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Forest and Conservation Experiment Station coordinate planning activities with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Environmental Quality Council, other relevant state agencies, responsible federal organizations, and the timber-based industry of Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that investigation results in the form of a final study proposal be made available to the public and to the Legislature by January, 1979.

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