

1 *Underal House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *48 Falge*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *NATH* *Sund Freda Vinger*
 3 *Delusson Peter Reunert St. Hirsch Johannes*
 4 *Fritz - Stuf*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ESTABLISHING A POSITION ON THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN'S COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT COMPLEX NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION 4 MILES NORTH OF THE MONTANA BORDER.

WHEREAS, the Canadian Province of Saskatchewan is presently constructing a coal-fired power plant complex 4 miles north of the Montana border and has already dammed the East Fork of the Poplar River; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Saskatchewan's long-range, post-1985 plans for energy development in the Poplar River Basin could include an energy complex seven times the size of the combined Colstrip Generating Units 1-4; and

WHEREAS, considerable adverse environmental and economic effects are imminent as a result of the operation of the power plant and the adjacent strip mine, including air pollution, water depletion and degradation, and potential damage to rangeland and crop production; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing northwesterly winds will blow the air pollution from the plants into northeastern Montana and thus may preclude future development options now

available for northeastern Montana by filling the Federal Class II air pollution quota; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that the State of Montana and the United States adhere to a clear and coherent position on the Poplar River Power Project that will adequately safeguard the people, land, air and water of Montana.

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

That it is the position of the State of Montana that:

(1) the Poplar River power plants and associated facilities should not violate Montana or United States pollution standards;

(2) the Saskatchewan Government should equip the power plants with the best pollution control technology available so as to mitigate adverse impacts to Montana; and

(3) all transboundary impacts of the Poplar River development, including surface and subsurface water quality and quantity and air quality, should be formally referred in a term of reference to the International Joint Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Montana fully recognizes the right of the Province of Saskatchewan to develop its resources but believes that this can be accomplished with minimal transboundary impacts to Montana and that a concurrence by the Saskatchewan Government to

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SECOND READING

MISSING

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March 5, 1977

SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

That House Joint Resolution No. 48, third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 3, line 2.

Following: line 2

Insert: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the secretary of state and Montana's congressional delegation."

March 8, 1977

SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

That House Joint Resolution No. 48 be amended as follows:

1. Amend amendment No. 1, insertion paragraph, line 2.
Following: "state"
Insert: "of the United States"

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