

*House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *70*

INTRODUCED BY *NATHE, Deissel, Rammis, Thorne, Foye, Mank, Bradley, Borden, Scully*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA FOR A BOUNDARY TREATY FOR AIR QUALITY PROTECTION.

WHEREAS, it is essential to the quality environment of Montana that her clean air be protected; and

WHEREAS, potential air quality degradation could occur as a result of industrial projects in Canada close to Montana's borders, over which Montana would have no control; and

WHEREAS, there exists a successful mechanism in the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to alleviate similar problems relating to water quality; and

WHEREAS, the International Joint Commission created by that treaty has authority over international boundary water pollution situations; and

WHEREAS, that Commission or one similar to it should have jurisdiction over international air quality problems but presently only has limited authority under the "air reference" provision.

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

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(2) That the governments of the United States and Canada are urged to establish and send delegations to an international commission, similar in scope to the International Joint Commission now in existence to protect boundary waters, to ensure the health and welfare of their citizens through nondegradation of air quality by projects on either side of the border.

(3) That the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Montana Congressional Delegation, and the United States Department of State.

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