

1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *VINCENT 85*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *F. B. White, Kille, Duval, Cooney, Roth*  
 3 *Grand Canyon, Courtney, Ryan, Hand, Metzger*  
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING A STUDY  
 6 OF ECONOMY AND REFORM MEASURES RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE *Barrett*  
 7 BUDGETING AND SPENDING. *Smith, Underdal, Huerfano*

*Television*  
*Speech*

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 11 programs, and proliferation of rules, thus raising questions  
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 17 agencies to state publicly what the impact would be if  
 18 entire or partial agencies, programs, or rules were  
 19 eliminated; and

20 WHEREAS, such a review process should be thoroughly  
 21 studied for adaptation to Montana's government; and

22 WHEREAS, state and local spending has been the fastest  
 23 growing element of the increase of the gross national  
 24 product rising from 8.2% to 14.7% over the period from 1955  
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INTRODUCED BILL

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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature seeks constructive,  
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 13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
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 3 *Grand Canyon* *Country* *Plan* *Head* *Metzger*  
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3 COONEY, CONROY, RYAN, DAVIS, HUENNEKENS, LUND,

4 MOORE, VINCENT, SMITH, BRAND, HALVORSON, LYNCH,

5 O'CONNELL, MEYER, McLANE, STAIGMILLER, COURTNEY,

6 BARDANOUVE, EUDAILY, HANSEN, HAND, AAGESEN, METCALF,

7 BARRETT, WALDRON, DUSSAULT, KESSLER, UNDERDAL, RAMIREZ,

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