

Approved by Committee
on Natural Resources

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18
2 INTRODUCED BY BOYLAN, GALT, GRAHAM,
3 KOLSTAD, HAZELBAKER, STEPHENS, ETCHART, DUNKLE,
4 MATHERS, MANLEY, E. SMITH, FLYNN, ROSKIE, THIESSEN
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6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
8 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REFRAIN FROM WEAKENING THE
9 APPLICATION OF MONTANA'S SURFACE MINING STATUTES AND THEREBY
10 USURPING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REGARDING
11 REGULATION OF SURFACE MINING.
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Montana has
14 passed outstanding surface mine reclamation laws; and

15 WHEREAS, the people of Montana have demonstrated their
16 ability and authority to regulate surface mining on all
17 lands within the borders of this state.
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19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
20 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

21 That the Senate and the House of Representatives
22 request that the United States Congress refrain from passing
23 surface mine legislation WEAKENING THE APPLICATION OF
24 MONTANA'S SURFACE MINING STATUTES AND THEREBY usurping the
25 authority of the people of Montana.

SECOND READING

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE BE
2 DIRECTED TO SEND A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION TO EACH MEMBER OF
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REFERENCE BILL

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