

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *42*

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING RESEARCH
3 OF THE FEASIBILITY OF THE CONVERSION OF WHEAT AND BARLEY
4 INTO ALCOHOL, CREATING BOTH A NEW USE FOR MONTANA WHEAT AND
5 BARLEY AND A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCE.

6 WHEREAS, there exists a surplus of wheat in the United
7 States and in the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Montana is a major wheat producing state,
9 suffering economic stress through depressed wheat prices
10 because of such surplus; and

11 WHEREAS, there is and will continue to be a widespread
12 energy shortage both in Montana and in the United States;
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14 WHEREAS, other states, primarily Nebraska, have
15 conducted research concerning the conversion of wheat and
16 other grains into alcohol as an alternative energy source,
17 both for heating and transportation purposes, and are
18 proceeding to construct conversion plants and encouraging
19 the private construction of such plants; and

20 WHEREAS, their research has shown the conversion to be
21 economically feasible and profitable; and

1 WHEREAS, by-products of the conversion process are
2 suitable for use as livestock feed.

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

5 That, the Wheat Research and Marketing Committee is
6 directed to conduct studies, in conjunction with the Montana
7 Agricultural Experiment Station and Montana State
8 University, to determine the feasibility in Montana of the
9 conversion of wheat and barley into alcohol. A report
10 concerning the conclusions reached, the proposed action, if
11 any, to be taken by the State of Montana, and the
12 alternative methods of funding such action, if any, shall be
13 made to the 46th Legislature. The report shall specifically
14 address the desirability of a producer check-off tax as a
15 method of funding any proposed conversion facility.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governor of the state
17 of Montana, through the Western Governors' Energy Conference
18 and similar cooperative efforts between wheat producing
19 states, work with such other states in research and
20 development of facilities, if feasible, for the conversion
21 of wheat and other grains into alcohol.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
23 shall send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the
24 Administrator of the Wheat Research and Marketing Committee,
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1 the Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, the
2 President of Montana State University, and the Director of
3 the Department of Agriculture of the State of Montana.

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Approved by Committee
on Agriculture Livestock
& Irrigation

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 23, 1977

House Committee on Natural Resources Amendments to SJR 42

1. Amend title, lines 6 and 7.

Following: "RESEARCH OF THE"

Insert: "ECONOMIC"

2. Amend page 2, line 10.

Following: "determine the"

Insert: "economic"

3. Amend page 2, line 20.

Following: "through the"

Strike: "Western Governors' Energy Conference"

Insert: "Old West Regional Commission"

4. Amend page 3, line 1.

Following: "to"

Insert: "the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the Montana congressional delegation,"

AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN.

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